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DEATH RIDES ON U.S. HIGHWAYS

35,000 PERSONS DIE IN MOTOR MISHAPS

TERRIBLE TOLL DURING PAST TWELVE MONTHS
(By Telegraph. Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1934. Received, Dec. 31, 8 a.m.)
Washington, Dec. 30.
American automobile insurance companies, in a joint report issued to-day, state that motor car accidents took the terrible toll of 35,000 lives during the past year.
Never before has the total of motor accident fatalities reached such a level.
The report adds that a total of 1,000,000 were injured.
There were 900,000 accidents throughout the year.

While it is admitted that the number of accidents and the total of deaths in highway mishaps is growing steadily and at an alarming rate, the increase from 1933 has been explained by the fact that the number of old and defective cars on the roads is very much greater than it has been in previous years. These old cars would ordinarily have been scrapped long before now had it not been for the financial difficulties so many owners are encountering. They cannot even afford to pay for regular overhaul and repairs; but they refuse to stop driving.

HIGHER SPEEDS
Then, too, the newer car models are much more powerful, can attain higher speeds. It is nothing unusual to be passed on the highway by big passenger cars travelling at 70 and 80 miles an hour, or even faster.
There has been some talk of putting into effect restrictions upon manufacturers, so that they will be unable to turn out cars of more than a certain horse-power. There has been a suggestion that persons exceeding a speed limit shall be imprisoned for not less than thirty days.

CONFESSION PLAN
There has been a plan put forward that persistent speeders shall lose not only their driving licences but their motor cars. These would be confiscated according to this plan, unless the owner could show good cause why he should have been speeding.
The American Automobile Association is taking steps to study the problem and may suggest a remedy for action by the coming session of Congress.—United Press.

17 Perish In River Flood

WORKERS' VESSEL CAPSIZES

ONLY ONE ESCAPES

(Special to "Telegraph")
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Lisbon, Dec. 30.
Seventeen workmen were drowned last night when a boat capsized in the flooded waters of the river Sado, near Alentejo.
Only one man of all those aboard the craft succeeded in swimming to shore, fighting his way through the swift and treacherously raging flood. His was a desperate battle.
Exhausted, he clawed his way up the river bank and made his way to succour. Others who attempted to swim to shore, but gave up the struggle, vanished suddenly and without a cry, he said.—Reuter Special.

CARDINAL BOURNE SINKING

ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER

GRAVELY ILL

London, Dec. 30.
His Eminence Cardinal Francis Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster since 1911, is reported to be in a critical state of health.
His Eminence has lost strength during the last few days and signs of heart failure are more pronounced, it is announced.
Born in March, 1861, at Clapham, he was educated at St. Cuthbert's College, Ushaw, and St. Edmund's of Ware, then going to St. Sulpice, Paris, and the University of Louvain.
He was ordained a priest in 1884, and after serving as Curate at Blackheath, St. Mary Magdalen's, Mortlake, and West Grimstead, Sussex, he was appointed Rector of Southwark Diocesan Seminary in 1889.
He was named Domestic Prelate to Leo XIII the following year and was appointed titular Bishop of Epiphania and Conductor to the Bishop of Southwark in 1896. The following year he was made Bishop of Southwark.
He has written extensively on ecclesiastical matters.—Reuter.

HITLER GREETES HIS TROOPS

POINTS TO GOAL OF NATION

(Special to "Telegraph")
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Berlin, Dec. 30.
"My greetings for the New Year to all members of the armed forces," reads the introduction of a proclamation issued by Reich President Hitler to-day.
He adds his thanks and recognition for past services to the men of the fighting forces.
Then, in conclusion states: "The future of all our services shall know only one goal; namely, Germany's resurgence in peace, of equal rights and honour and assured freedom."—Reuter Special.
A woman, Lam Mui, living in an unnumbered matchbox on the hillside above Taihang, committed suicide yesterday, by hanging herself from a cross beam.

SHIPPING STRIKE TENSION

MORE OFFICERS DISMISSED

PROTEST TO CONSULATES

The latest development in the local ships officers' strike which took effect at midnight on Saturday as a result of the owners of certain Chinese steamers refusing to pay the arbitration award scale of wages, is that dismissal notices have been served on the deck officers and engineers of the motor vessel Lee Hong and the s.s. Chuen Chow.
Yesterday afternoon, the owners of the Chuen Chow offered to the officers and engineers a one, two or three years' agreement to pay the arbitration award scale of wages if they agreed to take the ship to Macao, but they all refused the offer until the dismissed officers and engineers of the Yuet On had been reinstated.
It was following this refusal that the officers and engineers received notices of dismissal.
As a result of the dismissals on the Lee Hong, the new motor vessel on the Canton run, the ship is still at her wharf.
PROTEST LODGED
The Yuet On sailed yesterday for Hongkong. The China Coast Officers' and Marine Engineers' Guilds have to-day written to the owners of the vessel demanding the reinstatement of the British Officers, giving noon to-morrow as the time for compliance with the demand.
The Guilds have also written to the Norwegian and German Consulates protesting against their nationals having accepted a scale of wages lower than that of the arbitration award.

VESSELS TIED UP
Vessels which have stopped running at present are the Tai Lee, Lee Hong, and Chuen Chow, whilst the On Lee and San Nam Hoi, which were due to sail to-day, are remaining in port.
Unless the owners of the Yuet On reinstate the dismissed officers and engineers, there is danger of the strike spreading to other vessels, but the Guild is endeavouring to prevent such a development.
The report that Mr. Peter Sin wrote to the Guild at 11.30 p.m. on Saturday stating that he no longer represented the owners of the Yuet On is incorrect in one detail; the letter was sent 11.30 a.m.

ORGANISED TERRORISTS

DANGEROUS GANG SUPPRESSED

Peking, Dec. 31.
A group of organised agitators, who style themselves members of the Poor Men's Society and who have recently committed every sort of act of violence in Chihai District, has been effectively suppressed by the authorities.
Over seventy ringleaders of this illegal society have been arrested and taken to Tungechow for trial. The authorities suspect that this organised revolt must have obtained some material support from alien agents.—Central News.

MUSSOLINI'S CAUTION

ORDERS CITIZENS TO BUY GAS MASKS

(Special to "Telegraph")
(By Telegraph. Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1934. Received, December 31, 8.47 a.m.)
Rome, Dec. 30.
Signor Mussolini has ordered all principal towns to prepare against possible war attacks.
All citizens who can afford to do so are expected to buy gas masks. There is already a law in existence requiring firms and others to ensure that their employees are equipped with gas masks; but the law has so far been a dead letter.—Reuter Special.



Richard Bruno Hauptmann, whose trial for the kidnapping and murder of the Lindbergh baby begins on Wednesday.

China Silver Regulations

MEASURES TO STOP SMUGGLING

INTERNAL SHIPPING

Nanking, Dec. 31.
In order to facilitate the transportation of silver within the country and prevent smuggling abroad, the Finance Minister has announced a series of fresh measures governing permits for transportation.
These are as follows:
(1) Applications for permits by Shanghai or Nanking should be addressed to the Ministry of Finance.
(2) In other parts of the country, the permits will be issued by the local Superintendent of Customs, who will submit reports to the Ministry regarding the destinations and the amounts of silver every ten days. The permits, after serving their purpose, should be withdrawn and forwarded to the Ministry for cancellation.
(3) Applications by banks and commercial firms with the Customs should be accompanied by certificates from the local Banking Association, the Native Bankers' Guild, or the Chamber of Commerce.
(4) Where there is no Customs House, no silver transportation will be permitted exceeding \$1,000, except with the endorsement of the Banking Association, the Native Bankers' Guild or the Chamber of Commerce.
(5) Certificates must guarantee that the silver for transportation within the country is for legitimate business purposes.—Reuter.

Enormous Oil Concession

ANGLO-U.S. GROUP'S SOLE RIGHTS

DANGEROUS RIVALRY

Baghdad, Dec. 30.
Sheikh Kuwait has signed an oil concession covering the whole of his large territory, granting the sole right of production and exploration to an Anglo-American group, according to report.
The group is stated to be a combination of two powerful oil concerns, including the Anglo-Persian Oil interests.
Development will begin immediately.—Reuter.
Rivalry among the big moneyed interests for this concession has been intense ever since the days before the War, and even afterwards. There were some who believed that the rivalry for concessions might lead to serious trouble even during the discussion of the Treaty of Versailles, but this most recent agreement indicates that the companies chiefly concerned have effected a compromise.

RESCUED FROM ICE-PACK

PLANES DROP SUPPLIES

FISHERMEN'S ESCAPE

(Special to "Telegraph")
(By Telegraph. Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1934. Received, December 31, 9.55 a.m.)
Moscow, Dec. 30.
Planes were used over the week-end to rescue two groups of fishermen marooned on drifting ice-packs which were in imminent danger of breaking up.
Eleven fishermen, together with two horses, were working in two groups on outer ice in the sea of Azov when a sudden fierce storm broke the field and cast them adrift in wild water.
The wind carried them steadily away from shore, and snow made their predicament even more desperate. The ice-pack continued to disintegrate and at any moment the fishermen might have been thrown into the sea, to perish.
AEROPLANE HUNT
When the report was received that eleven fishermen were missing on broken ice, Moscow immediately telegraphed authority for army planes to undertake a search.
The planes set off, in spite of the storm, and after some hours flying located the marooned fishermen. The planes dropped food on the ice and then circled overhead while they gave the location of the fishermen to an ice-breaker, directing the rescue ship by radio.

NOTED SOLDIER TAKEN ILL

SIR JOHN FRANCIS GATHORNE-HARDY

(Special to "Telegraph")
(By Telegraph. Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1934. Received, December 31, 9.15 a.m.)
London, Dec. 30.
Lieut.-General Sir John Francis Gathorne-Hardy, second son of Lord Cranbrook and G.O.C. at Aldershot, underwent a severe abdominal operation last night.
His condition to-day is reported as serious.
He has been G.O.C. Aldershot Command since 1933, and is sixty years of age. He had a distinguished record both during the South African and Great War.—Reuter Special.

Manchoukuo Mails

CHINA READY TO CO-OPERATE

"THIRD PARTY" ASSISTING

Shanghai, Dec. 31.
According to the China Press, a spokesman of the local Post Office states that mails for Manchukuo will be accepted by the Chinese Post Office from January 10, 1935, for transmission via Shanhaikwan and Kupelkow where "third party offices" are being set up to handle such mails.
Parcel post and money remittances for Manchukuo will be transmitted as from February 1.
Mails and parcel post to and from Manchukuo must bear special stamps prepared by the "third party offices" and the term "Manchukuo" must not be used in addressing envelopes.—Reuter.

POLICE CALLED TO SAAR RIOT

ANTI-NAZI SPEAKER SERIOUSLY HURT

SHOTS FIRED DURING CATHOLIC MEETING

Saarbruecken, Dec. 30.
The calm which has prevailed in the Saar up to now was rudely shattered last night at Pliesscastel when a meeting of the Catholic Front was dispersed by the police.
Police intervened when a fight broke out in a meeting hall in which chairs were used as weapons.
The chief speaker, Herr Imbusch, who is a former Reichstag deputy and who is now President of the Christian Trades Unions, was taken to hospital with severe head wounds. There were other less serious casualties.

INDIA REFORM ILLUSORY

RECOMMENDATIONS CONDEMNED

LIBERALS' ATTITUDE

Poona, Dec. 30.
The annual meeting of the National Liberal Federation unanimously adopted a resolution to-day condemning the Select Committee Report on India reforms as unacceptable and illusory.
No enactment based upon this document could be acceptable to India, the Federation held.
The attitude of the Federation was known to the Government. The resolution comes as no surprise.—Reuter.

Hauptmann Trial Opens Wednesday

WHOLE NATION WATCHES

(Special to "Telegraph")
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Flemington, Dec. 30.
The State of New Jersey is ready with its case against Bruno Hauptmann, the German, charged with the kidnapping and murder of Charles Lindbergh, Jr., first child of Col. and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh, nearly three years ago.
The trial will open Wednesday, the whole nation watching its developments with the utmost interest.
Mrs. Lindbergh will be one of the State's witnesses against Hauptmann. She is appearing voluntarily.
The prosecution's case is framed upon the finding in a garage next door to Hauptmann's home of a quantity of hidden money, all of it marked, and identified as part of the U.S.\$50,000 paid by Colonel Lindbergh to the persons who surrendered his murdered child's sleeping garment. The handling over of this garment convinced the searchers that they were dealing with the real kidnappers and there is a witness who will swear that they actually saw Hauptmann face to face when he had possession of the ransom money.
No-one, however, saw Hauptmann take the money, and it is believed that the evidence against him is largely circumstantial.—United Press.

ACCUSATION DENIED

Saarbruecken, Dec. 30.

The affidavit of Herr Wilhelm Fischer, Welfare Secretary of the Deutsche Front, that he had been instructed some time ago to prepare a concentration camp for anti-Nazis in the Saar, was described as an atrocious fairy tale by Herr Buerckel, Herr Hitler's Commissioner for the Saar to-day.
Herr Buerckel adds that Herr Fischer was expelled from the Deutsche Front some weeks ago.—Reuter.
Herr Fischer alleges that he actually obtained subscriptions for the camp by announcing that a Children's Kitchen would be established. Even municipalities contributed.

U.S. BUSINESS REVIVING

BETTER OUTLOOK FOR 1935

Washington, Dec. 30.
Well-informed Washington circles expect that business in 1935 will be slightly higher than in 1934. Congressional influence on business will be a disturbing factor through January.
Threats of wild legislation will tend to retard business, but probably not sufficiently to change the rising trend before April.
A possible compromise by the Administration is anticipated on unemployment silver schemes.
Further minor inflationary legislation is expected to take place during this Congress. The N.R.A. is definitely moving against price control by code. A more liberal industrial loan policy is being adopted by the R.F.C. which is lending three to five year money to pay off creditors, etc.
Threats of spring strikes in many of the major industries, including automobiles, steel and textiles, are expected to result from the labour conference which will take place soon.—Swan, Culbertson and Fritz.

CAUSE TO HOPE FOR UNITY

NORTH AND SOUTH DRAW NEARER

Hanchow, Dec. 30.
High authorities express pleasure that the Nanking-Canton rapprochement, having reached an advanced stage, following a conference held here between Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, Dr. H. H. Kung and Dr. Wang Chung-hui yesterday, the latter submitting Canton's proposals to the Northern leaders, whose attitude is reported to be extremely friendly.—Central News.

Prince's Plan To Eradicate Slum Evils

MASS PRODUCTION FOR HOUSING

APPEALS TO ARCHITECTS

The Prince of Wales recently put forward a plan for mass production of houses to cure the slum evil.

He made his proposal at the Guildhall at the centenary dinner of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Addressing 2,000 distinguished architects and their wives, the Prince said:

"I ask you to carry the principle of mass production over to the architecture and the building trades.

"I am convinced that in no other way will it be possible to raise the living conditions of the great majority of our people.

"They should have better conditions and they can have them by these means.

"I am sure that the principles of mass production can be applied to housing, and I am equally sure that you can do it and that you will be able to overcome any barriers of prejudice that may exist.

"The meanness of our narrow twisting streets is the major cause of two great evils, the congestion of transportation on one hand, and our lack of civic pride on the other.

"You could develop the idea of widening the streets and raising the height of buildings so that they could be spaced at greater distances from each other.

"We should take a bigger and more generous outlook on the planning of our cities following the trend of our times, which is to have less of the limited group of individuals and more of the national point of view."

EXAMPLE OF MOTOR TRADE

Our great industrial and commercial concerns, like the motor-car manufacturers and the great multiple stores, had shown how, by mass production, amenities of life could be produced attractively at low costs.

They had done amazing things in this respect, and perhaps the same principles could be applied to housing.

The Prince said that they all knew how concerned he was for the living conditions of the great masses of our people and how anxious he was to see them improved as quickly as possible.

His visits to the distressed areas and the slums of great cities had impressed upon him the urgent necessity for rebuilding those areas.

"To-night," he said, "I want to request this great profession of yours, so intimately connected with the building of the homes of the people, to make a special study of this problem and to see what can be done, not only to cheapen these living conditions but to raise their qualities and amenities.

"In your study of this problem I would ask you to include the



The exercises held by the Shanghai Volunteer Corps presented a sight not to be seen in any other metropolis. Representative of nations which a few years ago, were at war stood side by side ready to defend the city against an invader. Above are shown some of the many scenes from the day's activities. Upper left, a group of the S.V.C. ready for action. Upper right: One of the field pieces in position and manned to repel an attack. Upper centre, the cavalry parading through the streets to its station. Lower left, a Vickers being brought into action while a group of awe-struck coolies look on in amazement. Lower right, a company of men marching down one of the principal thoroughfares en route to their post of duty.

NO PALS FOR QUINTUPLETS

MOTHER AND FATHER DENY REPORT

North Bay, Dec. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Olivia Dionne and Dr. Allan R. Dufosse united in denying a report which has kept gossip busy for several weeks—that the Dionne quintuplets would be presented with a brother or sister early in 1935.

"These reports, they are not very nice, but I tell you there ain't no truth to it," declared the father.

"Those persons who start such story know more about it than myself," added Mrs. Dionne. "We were told of the report by a friend and we both want to deny it. We think it is most unfair—and also the other stories which have been told about us.—United Press.

schools and buildings in which the people are reared as children and the hospitals in which they are treated when they are sick.

"In other words, the problem is the planning and arrangements of our towns and cities."

SUNNY SPAIN'S PROGRESS

BETTER OUTLOOK FOR 1935

BUSINESS IMPROVES

Madrid, Dec. 19.

A swing to the Right in politics boosted Spain's business prospects during 1934 and promised to furnish further impetus during 1935.

Sunny Spain was not unacquainted with the economic crisis, but with the establishment of the republic in 1931 and the fear of the Socialist party's influence in the government, timid businessmen and capitalists contributed toward worsening the slump by sending their capital abroad or letting it lie idle at home. A serious flight of capital occurred but the money began to return when it became apparent that the republican regime was not as radical as expected.

Nervousness and lack of confidence continued until the Leftists fell from power in December, 1933. A Conservative averse of the political pendulum saw a favourable reaction in business circles which continued throughout 1934. The entrance of the Catholic Rightists into the Government in October accentuated the Conservative trend of the governmental policy. The decisive defeat of the Socialist rebellion

which followed the formation of the Lerroux Centre-Rightist majority cabinet created a new hopefulness in business quarters. The Rightists now seem set to stay in power for sometime and they are hastening to assure Conservative capitalists that Spain has thrown her radical policies overboard for a while, at least.

SOUNDER FINANCES

Fewer bankruptcies were registered this year and bank clearings were consistently on a higher level. Greater confidence was reflected in a greater turnover in commerce. Transactions in government bonds exceed those in 1933.

During the first eight months of the past year, Spain imported 8,855 automobiles compared to 6,174 for the corresponding period in 1933, and 5,575 motortrucks compared to 2,155 a year ago. Radio set sales were improved, reflecting a better purchasing power, while railways and street car operating revenues showed a fairly heavy increase over last year.

CRIPPLED TRADE

Spain's foreign trade, however, continued in a crippled shape. During the first nine months, exports were valued at 431,573,016 gold pesetas and imports at 616,464,850, an unfavourable balance of 184,900,000. For the same period in 1933, exports totalled 482,000,000 and imports 612,700,000, for an unfavourable balance of 130,700,000. But during the period, Spain's trade with the United States expanded greatly. During the first seven months of 1934, United States exports to Spain amounted to \$21,081,005 compared to \$15,252,178 the preceding year, and imports from Spain totalled

VICTIM OF SUPERSTITION

TURKISH GIRL DIES OF RABIES

Istanbul, Dec. 19.

A lovely Turkish girl Ayche has fallen a victim to superstition.

Returning from field work to her village near Bolou she was attacked by a mad dog and bitten.

Her aunt sent her for treatment to the village imam—the Moslem cleric—who said prayers over her for a month. The holy man accompanied the prayers with ritual breathings over her.

This failed treatment did not prevent her from having a crisis in which she leapt upon the charmer and bit him, afterwards succumbing to hydrophobia.

The imam called in the gendarmerie to save him from her attack. He has been sent to hospital for anti-rabies treatment and will then be tried for illicit practice of false medical arts.—United Press.

12,426,338 compared to 5,966,347 in 1933.

The government is determined to make gradual retrenchments in its expenditures so as to balance the budget within three years. Instead of attempting to balance the books immediately by floating loans, it has decided to slash expenditures over a 3-year period and thereby making big treasury issues unnecessary. The 1935 budget probably will show a deficit of approximately 295,000,000 pesetas whereas in 1934 the deficit amounted to approximately 565,000,000.—United Press.

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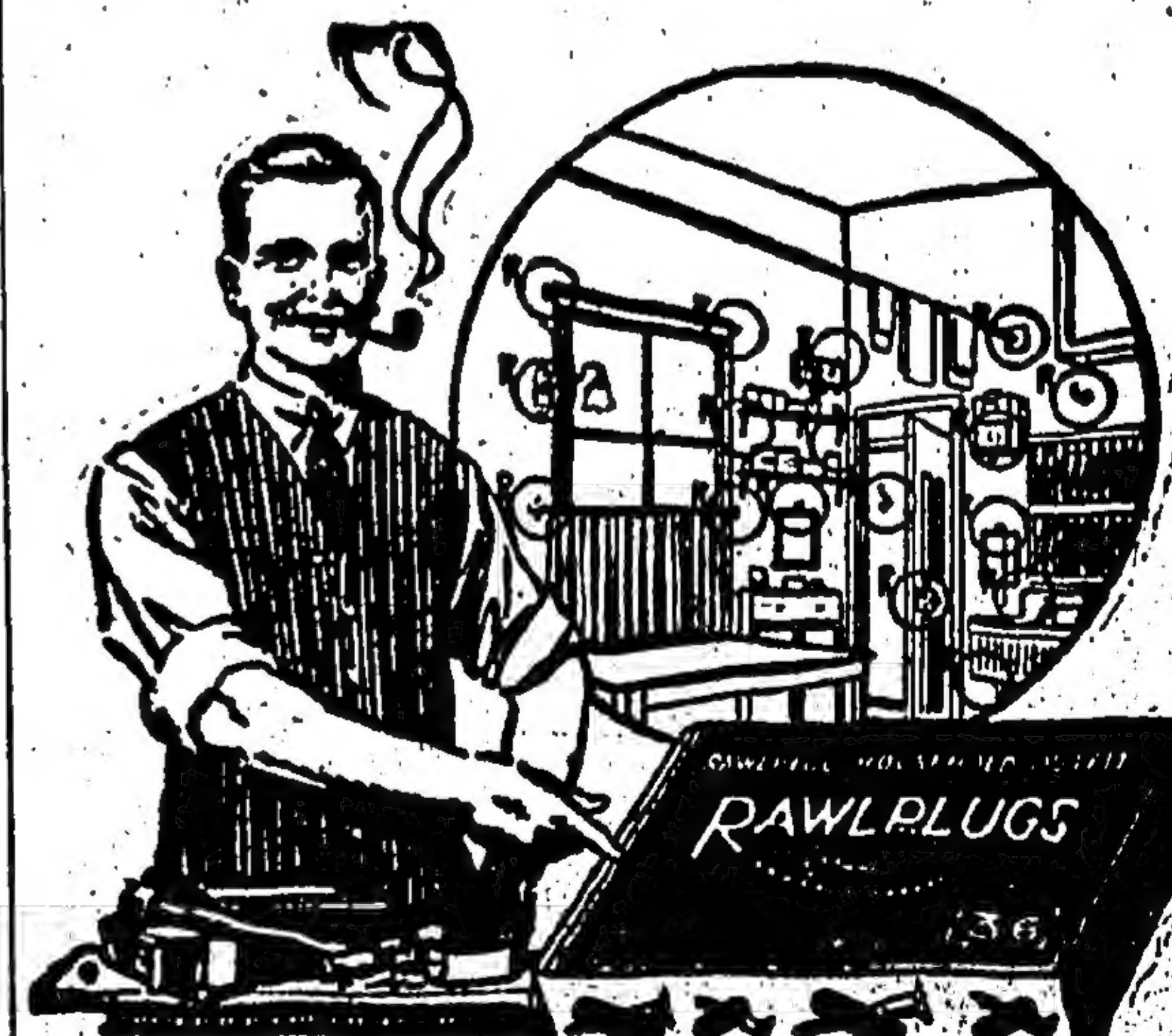
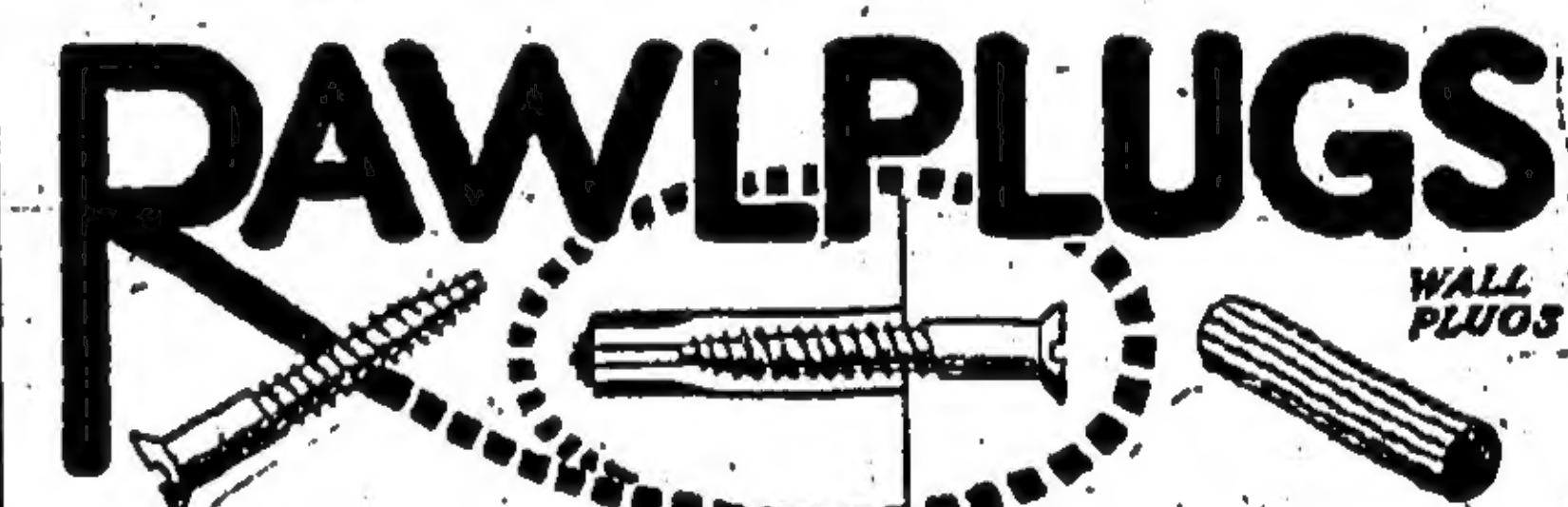
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R. M. HENDERSON,

Water Authority.
Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 28th December, 1934.

BANK HOLIDAY.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Tuesday, the 1st January, 1935. (New Year Holiday).

Hongkong, 28th December, 1934.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

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BOLIVIAN REPULSE PARAGUAYANS

Santiago de Chile, Dec. 30. The first effects of the general mobilisation in Bolivia, following last month's serious reverses in the Gran Chaco war, were felt to-day. According to despatches from La Paz, the capital of Bolivia, the most important battle in the entire war is now in progress.

Official despatches from the Bolivian front claim that the Paraguayan advance towards Fort Villamontes, the Bolivian field centre and outpost of the country's vast oil fields, has been arrested. Bitter hand-to-hand fighting occurred on the Capirenda-Caranduti sector, 40 miles from Fort Villamontes, where 30,000 Paraguayan troops launched a general attack.

The Bolivian despatches claim that the Bolivian front has been re-consolidated, and the troops, whose moral has been established again, are fighting gallantly.

A further communique states that as the result of the bloodiest battle in the entire war, in which 80,000 Bolivians and Paraguayans clashed with fixed bayonets, the Paraguayans have retreated with heavy losses.

The Paraguayans have been incessantly battering at the Bolivian positions to the north-east of Fort Villamontes, capture of which would pave the way to an invasion of Bolivia proper.

The Paraguayans still hold the key positions at Forts Picubia, Lomavistana and Dorobany, strategic Bolivian positions which they captured a month ago.—*Reuter, Special and United Press.*

"MAN OF ARAN"

BRITISH FILM VOTED BEST OF YEAR

New York, Dec. 30. The British film "Man of Aran," has been awarded the first prize of the U.S. National Board of Review as being the best film of the year.

The picture was selected out of ten American and five European films, and it is the first time on which a British film has been chosen for the prize.

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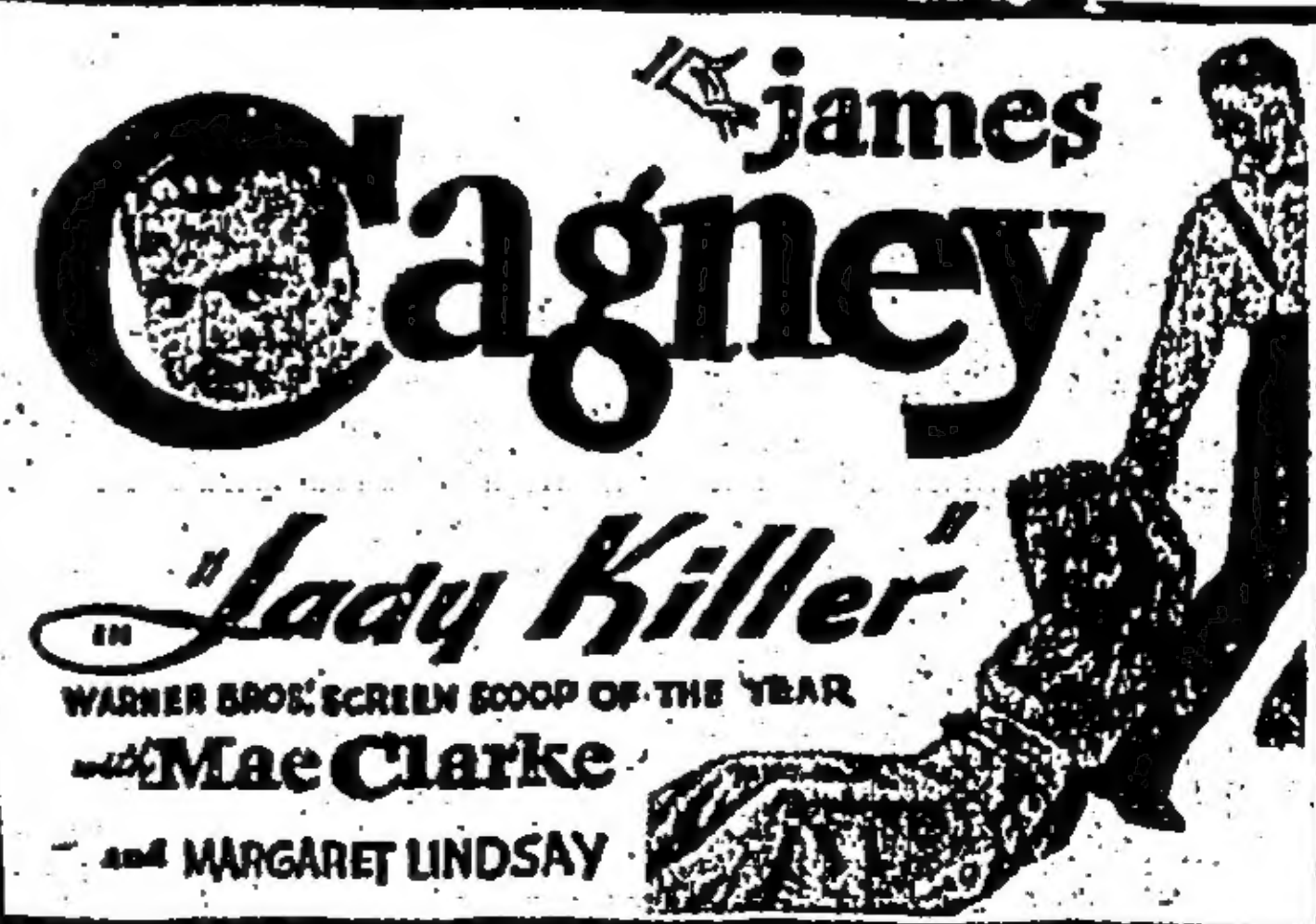
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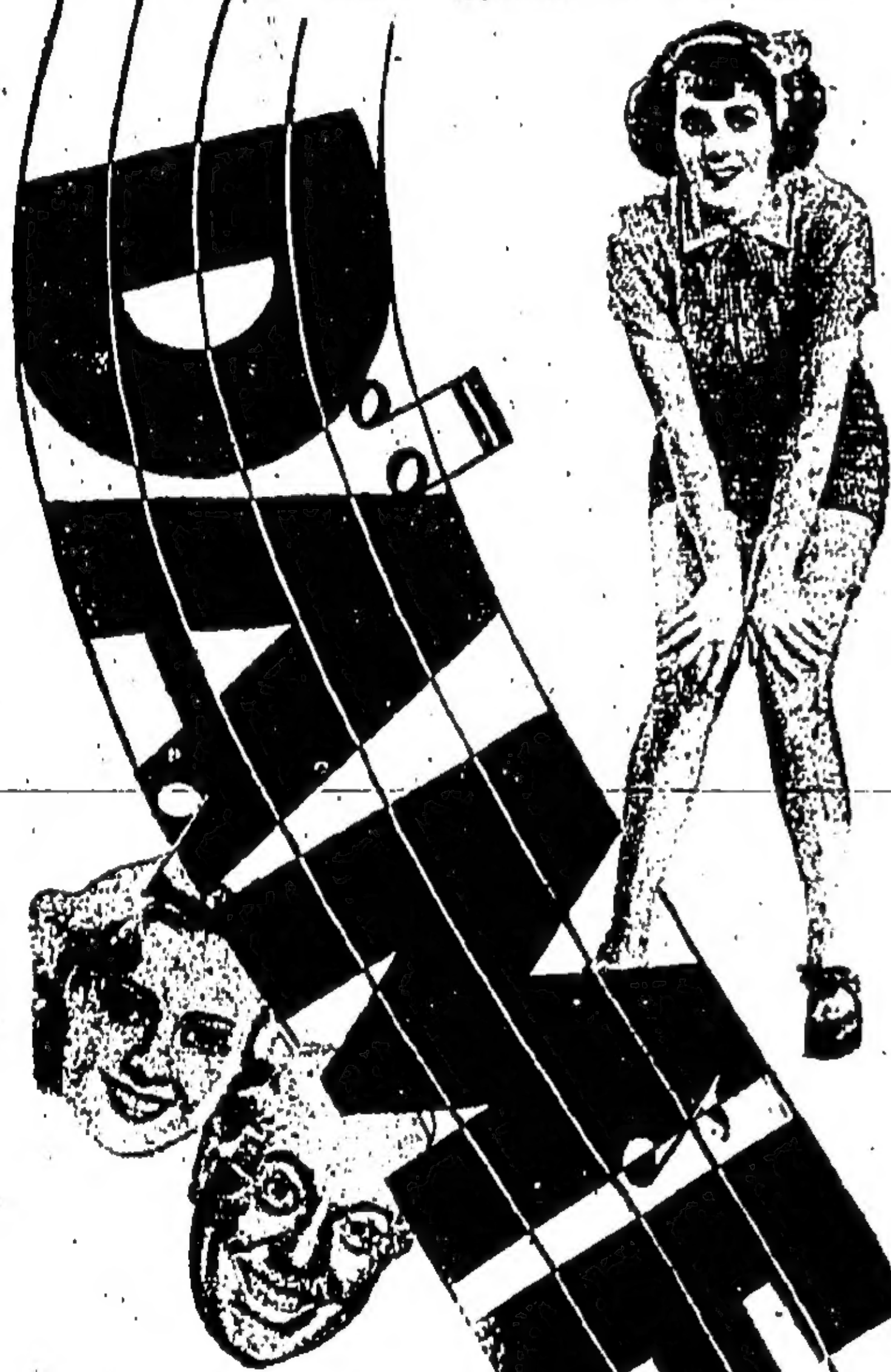


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CINEMA NEWS

NOTES FROM THE THEATRES

Music, youth and laughter! Those three ingredients, skillfully mixed, are the bases of "Student Tour", Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's merry "laughaganza" which is coming shortly to the Queen's Theatre. For comedy, Jimmy Durante and Charles Butterworth, each a comic star in his own right, hold the centre of the stage. They form a contrast that, in itself, is exceedingly funny. For youth, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer scoured the colleges and universities of the West seeking the most beautiful co-eds. Twenty of the loveliest girls of America take part in the picture. Many of them never before have been before a camera. For music, Nacio Herb Brown and Arthur Freed have contributed seven new songs, notably the "carle", new dance rhythm. Other hit songs are "From Now On", "A New Moon is Over My Shoulder", "The College Lullaby", "Smile Dance", and "Flight On". "Student Tour" deals with the hilarious adventures of a group of college boys and girls on a trip around the world. They visit China, Monte Carlo, India and many other points of interest, and at each stop they run into extremely funny complications. Romantic leads in the picture are played by Phil Regan and Maxine Doyle, two singing newcomers to the screen, expected to become one of the film's outstanding sweetheart teams. Miss Doyle, a California girl, was "discovered" on the stage of a Washington, D. C. Theatre where she was mistress of ceremonies. Regan was a young detective on the New York police force when his fine tenor voice attracted attention.

"The Merry Widow"

Nearly three months of production, following months of preparation and research; great symphony orchestras with musicians hand-picked from all parts of the country; some of the biggest sets ever built for a talking picture; hundreds of gorgeous costumes and elaborate ballet numbers; and, among the massive details that went into the filming of the world's most popular musical romance, "The Merry Widow", Ernst Lubitch's spectacular production showing to tremendous houses at the Queen's Theatre. It's filming was regarded in Hollywood as the best of the year, production takes since the inception of talking pictures. Its hundreds of people, its amazing locales, the musical and ballet ensembles, the marvellous special recording, all serve as a glamorous Continental background for the love story of Danilo and Sonia. The reunion of Ernst Lubitch, Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald under the production banner of Irving G. Thalberg has been the talk of fans and the screen industry ever since Thalberg's decision to film the internationally-popular story, bringing to the screen for the first time its glamorous Viennese music. Among the great settings are the colourful replica of Maxima's resort in Paris; the famous "White Set", a huge apartment done in twenty grand styles of white; the palace set, the grand staircase, and the Embassy, largest set in the history of the studio. In this the famous waltz is presented with 180 dancers under the tutelage of Albertina Rasch, and the two principals dance to romance on its dreamy rhythm. The original Lubitch story was adapted to the screen by Ernst Lubitch and Samson Raphaelson and typical "Lubitch touches" and shafts of whimsical wit heighten the gay Continental charm of the script. Lubitch's cast includes Edward Everett Horton, Minna Gombell, Una Merkel, George Barbier, Ruth Channing, Herman Bing, Sterling Holloway, Donald Meek and others of note, all supporting Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald, co-starred, excellently.

"Smarty"

One reason that so many modern marriages go on the rocks, said pretty Claire Dodd one day during the making of Warner Bros. Production, "Smarty", now playing at the Alhambra and in which the very modern marriage of Warren William and Joan Blondell does go to smash, "is because the husband lets the wife get away with murder, or the next thing to it. The minute a woman realises that her husband will stand for anything, one of two things happens. Either she loses her respect for him, or—if she's smart—she begins to suspect that he's stopped loving her and doesn't care enough to be interested in what she does. That's the case of the wife in "Smarty". "Smarty" is the story of a strange marriage mix-up based on the play by F. Hugh Herbert, and adapted to the screen by Mr. Herbert and Carl Erickson. There is a talented cast of players including Joan Blondell, Warren William, Edward Everett Horton, Frank McHugh, Joan Wheeler, Virginia Sale, and Leonard Carey, besides Miss Dodd. Robert Florey, directed.

Star Theatre Attraction

"Britannia of Billingsgate," a brilliant Gaumont-British picture featuring that great actress of "Bing-Boys" renown, Violet Lorraine, with Gordon Harker, England's finest actor of Cockney characterizations, showing now at the Star Theatre. Based on a play written by Christine Jope-Slade and Sewell Stokes, the story relates the life of the Bolton family, who live in the Billingsgate quarter. In Violet Lorraine, British film has found a wonderful player, who in her first film scores a tremendous success. Miss Lorraine is gorgeous in her role, rendering her tuneful number with an artistry that is inherent and inimitable. Gordon Harker, who has claims to be considered Britain's greatest film Cockney humorist, is perfectly at home in the role of Bolton, the fish porter. His Cockney witticisms are sheer delight. He has the ability to get right under the skin of his characters, and his latest portrayal is a characterization which will win

KOWLOON FUNCTION

CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD BY S.P.C. ON SATURDAY

The children's Christmas party given by the Inspectors of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, held at No 12 Sai Yeung Choi Street, Kowloon, on Saturday, was presided over by Mr. M. K. Lo, the Chairman of the Society.

The attendance was very large, and consisted of about 150 mothers and over 350 children. Included among the others present were Dr. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. Loseby, Dr. and Mrs. Matthews, Miss Cotton, Mr. A. E. Perry and Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg.

Mr. Lo presented prizes to the babies who had gained health and weight while under the care of the Society. The prize-winning babies were—Fung Lin, Chan Kam, Chan Kow, Li Sik-woon, Kwok Shui-lin, Tom Wao and the Tang twins.

Presents for the other children, consisting mostly of toys and simple tins of condensed milk, were distributed by Mrs. Loseby and Mrs. Matthews.

In his speech to the gathering, Mr. Lo, on behalf of the Society, expressed thanks to Mrs. Perry and Miss Tam, for the time they spent, on behalf of the Society, in organising the party. The Society, he explained, was only doing a very small portion of what they wanted to do, by helping with food, money and medicine. The Society wanted mainly to teach mothers, and the older children who understood, that "children die and will die, unless they are looked after intelligently and carefully."

Mr. Loseby in a brief address reminded the others and the older children that food was not the only essential item in saving the lives of children. He also informed them that advice could be obtained, free of charge, from any of the Inspectors, in regard to how children should be brought up. The Inspectors had spent ten years or more in studying this problem. Tea was served to the visitors, while each of the mothers and children enjoyed a substantial meal.

appreciation everywhere.

"Down To Their Last Yacht" showing at the King's Theatre, is this season's musical extravaganza from KRO-Radio replete with shipwrecked socialites, beautiful fern-clad native girls, bronzed beach boys, hitting melodies and exotic settings on the tropical splendour of a fictitious South Sea Isle of Molakarnokau. It is a spectacular modern fantasy, dealing with a party of newly rich and the aristocratic poor who are stranded in this land of Utopia. Many Bohemians are seen as the madcap quera whose lovers are as numerous as their moods. Sidney Fox and Sidney Blackmer essay the romantic leads. Ned Sparks is the comic captain of the yacht, and Polly Moran depicts a huckster promoter who makes a living by hoisting the vulgar newly-rich up the rungs of the social ladder. Paul Sloane directed this Lou Brook production, a follow-up to the sensational "Flying Down to Rio."

"Six Nights in Hollywood" and on "She Learned About Sailors" have convinced Fox Film officials that Alice Faye is headed for the top and they're giving her bigger pictures and bigger casts. First of these is "Six Nights in Hollywood", with James Dunn, which comes to the King's Theatre on Tuesday. Alice Jeannine Faye—she called her "Cuddly" when she was a youngster and she still looks that way—is beginning to like Hollywood although she still insists upon the privilege of spending all her between-pictures time in New York.



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12.30 a.m. Segitah Halled Concert. Robert Burnett (Baritone). Ernest A. A. Stander (Violin).
1.35 a.m. Dance Music.
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2 a.m. Big Ben. The News, Daily Produce Notes supplied by the Intelligence Branch of the Imperial Economic Committee.
2.15 a.m. A New Year's Eve Programme.
2.30 a.m. The B.R.C. Orchestra. Conducted by Arthur Wood. Rita Mackay (Soprano).
3.30 a.m. Fred Hartley and His Novelty Quintet. Waiting Memories. Fred Hartley. Made me in your Heart. Kenneth Russell. Shivering Ivories. Fred Hartley. The Bell's Awa'. Jack Lomax. In Old Madrid. Truett. Two Tunes (Unconquered Piece) Noel Coward. Mah 'Lindy. Ten Little Indians. Chinese. Rhythm. Hollier. Waits. The Merry Widow. Franz Lehár.

(All arranged by Fred Hartley)
4 a.m. A Fantomine Relay from the Alhambra, Glasgow with Will Lytle.
5 a.m. "Air-De-Wells." Performed by Max Kester and Bryan Michie.
6 a.m. The News.
6.15 a.m. The B.R.C. Theatre Orchestra. (Leader, Montague Hurreley). Conductors: Stanford Robinson, Peter Dawson (Hasseltown).
6.45 a.m. Close down.

TRANSMISSION 5
This morning's broadcast from Transmission 5, through GSB and GSI.
7 a.m. Big Ben. "Hail and Farewell" 1934-1935.
8 a.m. Dance Music. Jack Chapman and His Band. Relayed from the Albert Palace, Glasgow.
8.10 a.m. The News, Daily Produce, and "Big and Poultry Notes, supplied by the Intelligence Branch of the Imperial Economic Committee.
9 a.m. Close down.

TRANSMISSION 6
This morning's broadcast from Transmission 6, through GSB and GSI.
7 a.m. Big Ben. "Hail and Farewell" 1934-1935.
8 a.m. Dance Music. Jack Chapman and His Band. Relayed from the Albert Palace, Glasgow.
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THE DRUG TRAFFIC

Whenever the Advisory Committee on the Drug Traffic meets at the League of Nations headquarters in Geneva, matters of intense interest never fail to arise. This business of fighting the dope evil on a world-wide scale is a battle of wits. Both sides do their best to anticipate the next move on the part of their opponents. As fast as the League takes some step to tighten up restrictions, so the traffickers try to get past civilisation's defences. Then it is the League's turn to act once more. It is a stern struggle but, on the whole, the forces of law and order are winning. Clandestine drug factories are now engaging the attention of the League's "Opium Committee." The steady flow of dangerous drugs from licensed factories into the illicit traffic has been stopped. In desperation, the traffickers have been driven to many shifts. Cases have been reported of their robbing consignments for medical and scientific purposes in transit. Then they have set up secret factories, which are often difficult to detect. To meet this menace, the League is studying the institution of specialised police forces for the purpose of dealing with the clandestine drug factories. Another item of interest at the recent session was the question of the issue of passports and visas to notorious traffickers. As a method of preventing the entry of undesirable criminals into a country, the passport system has signally failed. It is usually the lesser fry whose movements are checked in consequence. The really big game seem to have little difficulty in moving about from country to country. Everybody connected with the drug traffic and the white slave traffic knows that forged documents of identity can be obtained in great variety by those who know the ropes. There is a definite trade in passports, visas, birth-certificates and marriage certificates. Notorious drug traffickers are known to be going about their illicit business with considerable freedom; and in many cases the authorities can do nothing but watch them helplessly. Only international co-operation can stop up these loopholes, and it is abundantly clear from the report of the Opium Committee, which has been meeting at Geneva that the international agreements against the traffic

NOTES OF THE DAY

BRITAIN CARRIES ON

Japan has endeavoured to delay the presentation of formal notice of the Washington Treaty's abrogation until after the United States delegates to the naval conversations have left London; and the United States delegates have delayed their departure from Britain in order that it should not seem that they were responsible for the breakdown of the conversations. Actually the United States could have recalled her delegates ten days ago, when it was admitted that the Japanese policy allowed of no compromise with American demands. All this delay about quitting the conference and about the presentation of the abrogation notice is somewhat childish. The mere closing of the conference is not what matters. It is the ending of naval armament restrictions that worries the world. However, Britain is once again taking the lead and endeavouring to work out with Japan a programme which may be acceptable to the United States. Equality of security, or whatever it is that they will endeavour to achieve, is far from realistic, but the mere fact that the naval experts of Great Britain have not yet abandoned the hope that a remedy is to be found in continued conversations gives cause, if not for optimism, at least for conviction that no effort will be spared to bring about an amicable settlement of this vital problem. Unfortunately the delegates have come to a dead-end, as the Americans put it; a complete impasse. But by diplomacy and by the grace of God, Britain may yet accomplish the apparently impossible, and effect a compromise.

REDISCOVERING HANDEL

Formal centenary and quarter-millenary celebrations are usually somewhat perfunctory, but the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Handel promises to be an event of unusual interest. A determined effort is to be made to approach certain of the works of Handel in a new way which may lead to rediscovery of that great composer, says the *Christian Science Monitor*. This searching attitude toward classical works of art. The same cast of thought is revealed in Mr. Robert Graves's recent attempt to reinterpret in twentieth century terms Charles Dickens's "David Copperfield." It is seen in the current Russian presentation, after two years of preparation, of an amalgam of Shakespeare's "Antony and Cleopatra," Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra," and Pushkin's "Egyptian Nights." It will be generally admitted that Handel is a peculiarly suitable subject for such experiments. His dramatic oratorios (not the "Messiah") were really written for an ideal theatre whose practical realisation was denied him. The dramatic presentation which he himself was unable to get, the London Handel Society proposes to give him. Experiments in Cambridge and Munster have indicated that this method of approach leads to rich cultural rewards, and the Handel Society's proceedings will be watched with interest by musicians all over the world.

are not suffering from lack of support. There is, first of all, the 1931 convention for limiting the manufacture of dangerous drugs, so that the amounts produced shall not greatly exceed medical and scientific requirements. Considering the leisurely methods of most Governments, three years is not a long time for them to have taken to make up their minds about this measure. Yet, with the latest ratification from Austria, the number of States now parties to the convention has been brought up to 48. Other countries are known to be taking steps to ratify, e.g. in Greece, Parliament has recently accepted the agreement. Still more nations are bound by the 1925 convention, which has done so much to tighten up restrictions against traffickers. Fifty-two States have accepted its provisions, and are co-operating through the Geneva machinery to suppress an evil which knows no national frontiers. The application of these conventions from the international end is in the hands of special expert bodies at Geneva. The Supervisory Body, which acts as a watchdog over the 1931 agreement, has been dealing with estimates of drug requirements for 73 countries and 117 territories (colonies, protectorates and mandated areas). Little wonder that the last League Assembly described this as the only piece of international machinery as yet set up which is truly universal.

DID LAMSON SLAY HIS WIFE?

By R. J. CRUIKSHANK

"GETTING" into your bath is a thousand times more dangerous than getting into a trap.

The fate of David Lamson hinges on this assertion.

IN a dreary death cell in San Quentin Prison, California, sits David Lamson, a young man of high character and cultured background, who appears to be the victim of one of the worst miscarriages of criminal justice in this country's history.

Lamson, formerly sales manager for the Stanford University Press, has been sentenced to be hanged for murdering his wife, Alice, with whom he had lived happily for six years.

There is every ground for believing that Mrs. Lamson while taking a bath slipped, struck her head on the projecting corner of a wash-basin and bled to death. It was one of those accidents in the home which cost the lives of thirty thousand Americans annually. By a hideous combination of spite and stupidity, innocent and trivial circumstances were twisted to sustain a charge of murder.

Lamson struggled like a trapped bird in a mesh of prejudice and malice. What gives his story its nightmare quality of horror is the feeling that a like fate might overtake any ordinary, respectable, innocent citizen.

August Vollmer, the distinguished professor of criminology at the University of California, has described the Lamson case as "the most amazing situation that has ever arisen in American jurisprudence, a man sentenced to hang for a crime never committed, and the evidence itself proving his innocence."

One fact appears inescapable, and that is that Lamson could never have been brought to trial at all in a British court on such flimsy evidence.

Lamson and his wife were both graduates of Stanford University. They lived on the university campus, and were the average type of well-read and intelligent young couple that one finds in American communities of this kind. Mrs. Lamson had been the secretary of the local Young Women's Christian Association.

They had a two-year-old daughter, and according to the testimony of friends and neighbours, were happily married. Lamson was described as a very kind and considerate husband, abounding in those small attentions which women appreciate.

Mrs. Lamson was not a strong woman, and on the night before she died she had suffered an acute attack of indigestion. Because of this her husband did not sleep with her that night, but at four in the morning took her a glass of lemon juice and some other food.

At nine he began to prepare his wife's breakfast. He then went to work in the garden, hoeing and burning rubbish, which was one of his normal holiday occupations. At ten o'clock Lamson went into the house to admit two women callers who were thinking of renting the place for the season.

These women, who took Lamson quite unawares and spoke to him first when he was in the garden burning rubbish, testified that he

was perfectly normal in his behaviour and showed no hesitation in offering to show them over the house. On his way through the house to open the front door to the visitors, he looked in at the bathroom and to his horror discovered his wife hanging helplessly over the edge of the tub with blood oozing from her head.

The women waiting at the door heard his cry of anguish, and when he admitted them they saw that within a period of a few minutes his appearance had completely changed. He was now a man overcome with shock and grief. He showed every sign consistent with the behaviour of an innocent man suddenly confronted with an appalling personal tragedy.

In his efforts to lift up his wife's body blood had become smeared on his shirt, and great play was made with this fact by the prosecution, though it is obviously susceptible to the simplest possible explanation.

Within 15 minutes of the ghastly discovery, a country sheriff and his deputies had hurried to the house, and they appear to have made up their minds on the spot that Lamson was guilty of murder, and at once set to work to prove their hypothesis, rejecting everything that did not fit in with it.

But where was the weapon with which this crime had been committed? Raking amid the rubbish which Lamson had been burning in his garden fire, the deputy sheriff discovered a piece of lead pipe. That must have been the weapon, said the prosecution, although all the physical probabilities in the case were against it.

What was the motive? The State invented a theory, unsupported by any evidence—for the couple were alone in the house at the time—that Mrs. Lamson had repulsed her husband's love-making the night before, and that in a fury of rage he killed her the following morning! There was also an alternative suggestion that Lamson had been in love with his child's nursemaid, Doris Roberts.

At the time of Mrs. Lamson's death this girl was discovered to be expecting a baby. This news, blazoned in the yellow Press of California, did Lamson great damage, although Miss Roberts strenuously asserted that her lover was a young man named Sorenson. Sorenson admitted paternity, and immediately married Miss Roberts. When the baby was born it had red hair, in this resembling Sorenson. The Lamson family are all dark.

Yet sufficient had been hinted to steep the case in a miasma of prejudice and small-town gossip. There is no scrap of direct evidence linking the man with his wife's death, the web has been woven entirely of circumstantial evidence of the oddest kind, plus the suspicion instilled in ignorant minds by sensational newspapers. "Lamson was the victim of an accident, and of the irreducible ugliness and irrationality of the human mind," writes Yvor Winters, part author of "The Case of David Lamson."

One interesting point made by the defence is the admitted frequency of bath-tub accidents in the United States. "It is calculated that when you step into your bathing tub you are running a thousand times more risk of injury than when you board a railroad train, and two hundred times more risk than when you climb into a licensed airplane."

The Very Idea! AUNT EMMA AGAIN DISAPPOINTS

By George
Dear George,

Of course you all expect me to write about New Year's Eve but I don't care a damn if you are disappointed.

I am going out to a party to-night and shall have to work hard and early before my resolutions come into effect.

It's too bad about this shipping trouble—strike me pink—because I understand that if the men get their wages raised, the girl stenographers are going to demand an increase too. On the level.

I went down to watch the Press XI fail gloriously to Craigieover XI First Senior XI by five wickets, two missed catches and one over the six.

By the way I rather like their new war cry. It goes thuswise: Boom-chiki-boom, chiki-boom-boom-boom: Boom-chiki-boom, chiki-boom-boom-boom; sum-um-ra, chu-more-far; Hongkong Press-men, ra-ra-ra!

However the silence is apt to be most cutting if one slips up on the Chinese version.

We had a refreshing interview to do the other day when we were told to meet a rich American widow and get her impressions of Hongkong.

As we knew what the interview would be like, we wrote it up and took it along for her to confirm. Something after this style: "The lights of the Peak at night . . . so beautiful . . . the Chinese girl love to retire here."

The widow took out her long-nettes or whatever rich widows use to defend themselves, and studying us intently said: "I think Hongkong is lousy."

She was turning away when we caught our breath on the rebound. "But Madam, the Peak . . . the lights!"

"The place is badly lit and the Peak should be treated according to its lights. Blow it down—it doesn't even stop the draught!"

"But the beautiful Chinese girls—their figures?" we moaned. "Ask my son. He speaks highly of them." And so saying she sailed away.

Of course I didn't agree with what she said, but all the same, I wish I was a rich widow.

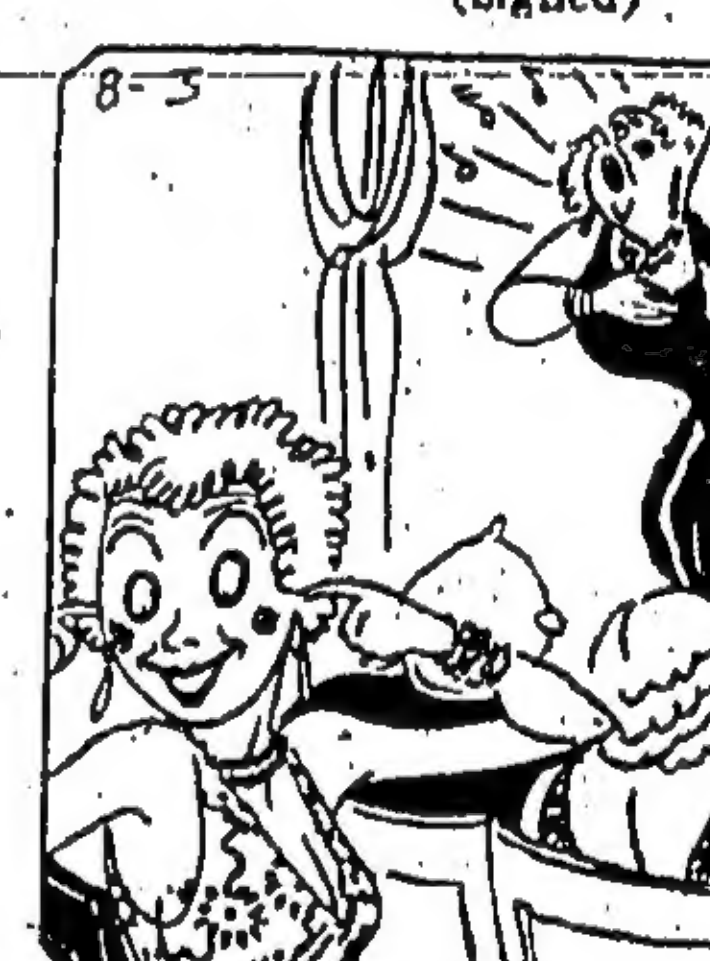
Your aunt,
Aunt Emma.

DUMB-BELLES LETTRES

By Juliet Lowell
Hold Your Ears.

Mr. Walter Damrosch Dear Mr. Damrosch: Why is it that when I went to the Opera Saturday night I enjoyed everything but the music?

Sarah Trombe (signed)



I enjoyed everything but the music!

Hats Off To France Again Loud laughter (for once genuine and not the hollow and insincere laughter of disillusionment) rang through Nat's Nest the other morning when the author of this amazingly clever satire, which is a weekly mystery to half the readers of the *Sunday Express*, amounting to more than 2,000,000 bemused Britons, to say nothing of thousands of puzzled foreigners like Hitler, who tries to translate it every Monday thinking it is of some political significance, and a baker's dozen of indignant matrons in Birmingham who think it is Communist propaganda, and a lot of other people who think it is slightly improper whatever it means.

As we say . . . but where were we? Oh, yes. We were discussing laughter.

We were laughing for once because we had just read that an alleged member of the terrorist gang held responsible for the murder of King Alexander aroused suspicion in a French cafe because he gave the waiter an eightpenny tip for a twopenny beer.

"This recklessness in the eyes of the thrifty French stamped him as a suspicious foreigner," so the waiter had him arrested," says the report.

There is no evidence, that the waiter returned the tip. If he had he would probably have been taken for a suspicious foreigner himself and thrown into prison.



"May I let him play with it a while, just to see if he will tire of it?"

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
 Hongkong Bank, \$1635 n.
 H.K. Bank, (Lon. Reg.), \$138 n.
 Chartered Bank, \$16 n.
 Mercantile Bank, A and B, \$32 n.
 Mercantile Bank C, \$13 1/2 n.
 East of Asia Bank, \$90 n.
 Am. O. Finance Corp., \$h. \$20 n.
 China O. Fin. Ord. Sh. \$1.80 n.
 China O. Fin. Pref. Sh. \$4 1/2 n.

Insurance.
 Canton Ins., \$270 b.
 Union Ins., \$515 n.
 China Underwriters, \$1.20 b.
 China Fire, \$520 n.
 H.K. Fire Ins., \$240 b.
 Internat'l Assoc. Sh. \$5.00 n.

Shipping.
 Douglas, \$40 n.
 H.K. Steamboats, \$7 1/4 n.
 Indo-China, (Pref.), \$30 n.
 Indo-China, (Def.), \$38 n.
 Shell's (Bearer), \$3 1/2 n.
 Union Waterboats, \$18 1/2 n.

Mining.
 Antamoka, 75 cts. n.
 Bhaloca, \$37 n.
 Bagulo Gold, 40 cts. n.
 Benguela, \$4 b.
 Benguela, Exploration, 21 cts. n.

Gold.
 Benguet Goldfield, 20 cts. n.
 Big Wedge, 10 cts. n.
 Gold Creek, 29 cts. n.
 Gold River, 21 cts. b.
 Ipo Mining, \$1 n.
 Itogons, 40 cts. n.
 Salacot, 16 cts. n.
 Kallian, 18 1/2 n.
 Langkats (Single), \$15 n.
 S'hai Explorations, Sh. \$5 n.
 S'hai Loans, Sh. \$6 n.
 Rauba, ex. div. \$10.70 n.
 Venz: Goldfield, \$5 n.

Docks, etc.
 H.K. Wharves, \$112 b.
 H.K. Docks, \$12 1/2 n.
 Providents (old), \$1.40 n.
 Providents (new), 50 cts. n.
 Hongkew's (old), Sh. \$309 n.
 New Engineering, Sh. \$5 1/4 n.
 Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$120 n.

Cotton Mills.
 Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$9 n.
 S'hai Cottons, (old), Sh. \$74 n.
 S'hai Cottons, (new), Sh. \$44 1/2 n.

Land.
 Zoong Singa, \$9.40 n.
 Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$55 n.
 Lands, Hotels, etc.
 H. and S. Hotels, \$5.15 b.
 H.K. Lands, \$55 n.
 H.K. Lands 4% debentures, \$100.

Public Utilities.
 Tramway, \$20.50 n.
 Peak Trams (old), \$12 n.
 Peak Trams (new), \$7 n.
 Star Ferries, \$100 n.
 Yau-mat Ferries, (old), \$22 n.
 China Lights (old), \$10.60 b.
 China Lights (new), \$10.35 b.
 H.K. Electric, \$72 1/2 b.
 Macao Electric, \$25 n.
 Sandakan Lights, \$8 n.
 Telephone (old), \$35.60 b.
 Telephone (new), \$10.90 b.
 China Buses, \$12.40 n.
 Singapore Traction, 4/3 b.
 Singapore Prof. 17/9 n.

Industrial.
 Malayan Sugars, \$37.70 n.
 Cold: Mack. (old), Sh. \$20 n.
 Cold: Mack. (Pref.), \$19 1/2 n.
 Canton Ice, \$2.85 n.
 Cement (com.), \$2.22 1/2 b.
 H.K. Ropes, \$4.10 n.

Stores.
 Dairy Farms \$24 n.
 Watson, \$5 n.
 Lane Crawfords, \$3.75 n.
 Mackintoshes, \$21 n.
 Sinceres, \$8 n.
 4Wm. Powells, 70 cts. n.
 Wing On (H.K.) \$105 n.

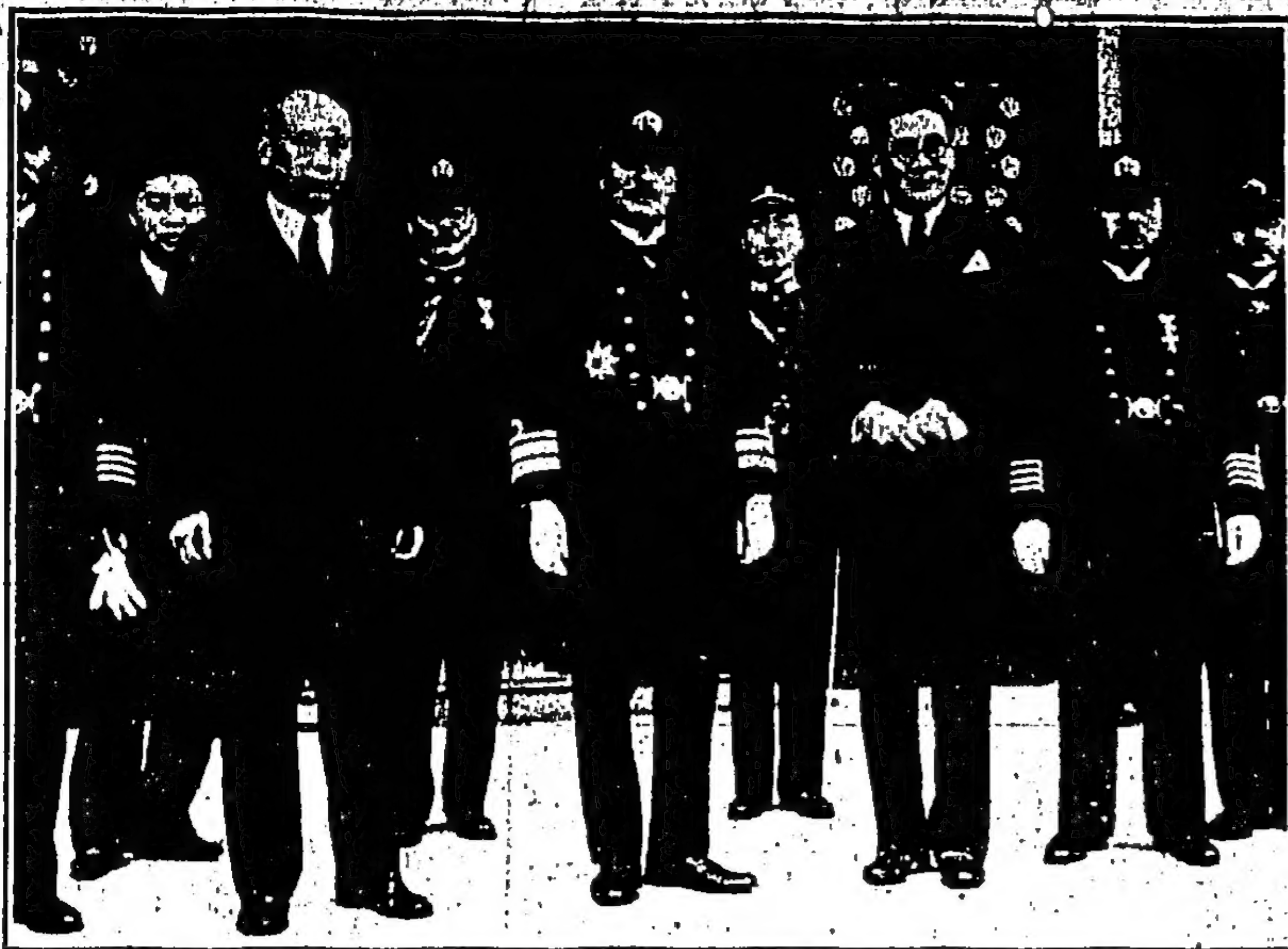
Miscellaneous.
 Amusement, \$2 n.
 H.K. Interim, \$7 1/2 n.
 S. C. Enterprise, \$1.15 b.
 Macao "Greyhounds" \$2 n.
 Construction (old), \$2 n.
 Construction (new), \$68 cts. b.
 Vibor Piling, \$6.60 n.
 Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G.S. Bonds 92 1/2 n.
 H.K. Gov. 4% Loan 8% prem. b.
 H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan, 2% prem. b.
 Wallace Harpers, \$7 1/2 n.

SCOUTS' JAMBOREE

KING'S MESSAGE AT OPENING IN AUSTRALIA.

London, Dec. 29.
 The World "Jamboree" of Boy Scouts was opened at Frankston Australia, to-day, by the Governor-General, Sir Isaac Isaacs, in presence of the Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell, and a large gathering.

The Governor-General read to the assembled Scouts the following message from H.M. the King: "I am watching with interest and pleasure the uninterrupted growth of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements throughout the Empire, and I trust that the spirit of brotherhood and comradeship will make a real contribution to the welfare and prosperity of the world."—British Wireless.



Under command of Rear-Admiral Kameshima Nakamura, the Japanese naval training squadron, consisting of the cruisers Yakama and Asama, with about 180 cadets on board, arrived in Shanghai recently for a stay of a few days. Shortly after their arrival, Admiral Nakamura and his staff paid a courtesy visit to General Wu Te-chen, who is seen above with the group photographed at the civic centre.

LESSON SERMON

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, HONGKONG

"Christian Science" was the subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist yesterday.

The Golden Text was "The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." (Isaiah 52: 10).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson Sermon was the following from the Bible: "Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And these signs follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." (John 12: 44, 49, Mark 16: 17, 18).

The Lesson Sermon also included the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Mankind will improve through Science and Christianity. A higher and more practical Christianity, demonstrating justice and meeting the needs of mortals in sickness and in health stands at the door of this age, knocking for admission. Will you open or close the door upon this angel visitor, who cometh in the quiet of meekness, as he came of old to the patriarch at noonday?" (p. 371, 224).

WORLD'S SWEETHEART

MARY PICKFORD TO DIVORCE FAIRBANKS

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.
 Mary Pickford's lawyer is quoted as saying that he is instructed to proceed immediately, after January 1 with proceedings for divorce against Douglas Fairbanks.

He has filed an affidavit in the Superior Court showing service of divorce by mail, thus completing the last legal step before a date can be set for the trial of the action.—Reuter.

It will be remembered that Douglas Fairbanks was recently named as co-respondent in the divorce case against Lady Ashley, formerly Miss Sylvia Hawkes, the actress.

Doug. Fairbanks Leaves
 New York, Dec. 30.
 Douglas Fairbanks left here to-day by the Italian liner Count di Savoia for Italy.

Interviewed prior to his departure, Fairbanks refused to comment on the report that divorce proceedings would be instituted against him by Mary Pickford early in January.

He disclosed that his only reason for proceeding to Europe was to see a yacht in Italy.

If the vessel is suitable he will charter it for a film expedition to the South Sea Islands.—Reuter.
 According to information received locally, Douglas Fairbanks intends visiting the Colony early next year on his contemplated tour, which will embrace French Indo-China, China, the Philippines and the South Seas.



Officers of the Shanghai Municipal Police Specials are shown in above group photograph. Sitting from left to right are Mr. G. Macdonald (D.C.), Mr. W. J. Gande (A.C.), while standing (left to right) are Mr. C. C. Tse (A.C.), Mr. R. G. Herbert (A.C.) and Lieut. Commander W. A. Elliot (A.C.).

Saints' New Players Give Convincing Displays

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the manner in which he nipped the Costa-Bentley movements in the bud, but he was essentially a defender, as were Skinner and Duncan. Whatever real constructive effort came from the halves, it was performed by Skinner.

THE REAL VALUE OF HOWE

In consequence, Howe, who was in fine fettle, had to rely either on his own skill or Bickford to make himself an effective and dangerous forward. There was no real co-ordination among the vanners. George Fowler was inept on the right wing; Drown, hard worker, but careless, made the mistake of keeping the ball out on that flank; Ernest Strange was too keen on making the goal area before paring, and as a result there was no proper left wing combination. When Bickford received, he nearly always made good use of the ball, but Howe was forced to forage for himself, and was given only two decent passes all through the game.

Club players seem to lose sight of the very obvious fact that Howe is the sort of centre-forward who can do the "A." He is a finisher, not a creator. His fine body swerve and accurate shot makes him the ideal

man to receive the ball when an attack has reached the penalty area.

I liked the way the Club fought back after being twice in arrears, but at the same time their attempts to indulge in constructive and intelligent football were a little disappointing.

It is possible that Rodger could have prevented Ward from scoring the first goal, had he left his charge, but he hesitated, and in the next moment the ball was in the net.

THREE BRILLIANT GOALS

The three goals which succeeded this were brilliant, and would have done credit to first class English football. Howe equalised only a few minutes before the interval, when he answered past Souten, and when he was being tackled by Dellar let drive with a glorious shot which hit the roof of the net. St. Joseph's took the lead again in the second half, when Ward emulated Howe's example, only from a far sharper angle, but shortly afterwards, E. Strange seized an opening just inside the penalty area, and beat Wong with a perfect ground drive which found the far corner of the goal. In many respects these three goals were about the best feature of the match.

DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

EVERY AGE HAS ITS PROBLEMS, BY SOLVING WHICH, HUMANITY IS HELPED FORWARD.—Heine.

The next issue of the Hongkong Telegraph will be on Wednesday. We take this opportunity of wishing our readers a Happy New Year.

The China Emporium advertises that it will be open for business to-day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Hon. Treasurer of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, begs to acknowledge with sincere and grateful thanks the receipt of the following donations: Viscount Wakefield of Hythe, 50 guineas (\$500); Mr. Ma Ying, \$221.67 and Mr. Leo Sing, \$50.

RADIO BROADCAST

Dance Music by the H.K. Hotel Orchestra

EUROPEAN PROGRAMME

From Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (846 kilocycles):
 4-7 p.m. Chinese Programme.
 7 p.m. Stock Quotations.
 7.08-7.34 p.m. Concert Items.
 Pianoforte Solo—Chilidien's Corner Suite—Serenade for the Doll (Debussy) Paganini Etude in E Flat Major (Liszt).
 Vladimir Horowitz.
 Song—By the Waters of Minnetonka (Lieurance).
 Song—The Lass with the Delicate Air (Arne).
 Mavis Bennett (Soprano).
 Songs—Our River Thames (Hennessy).
 Songs—Young Briton's Heritage (Hennessy).
 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).
 Violin Solo—Danse Espagnole ("La Vida Breve") (Kreisler). (a) Minstrels (Debussy); (b) Flight of The Bumble Bee (Rimsky-Korsakov).
 Yehudi Menuhin.
 7.34-8 p.m. Song Memories.
 Violet Loraine—Medley.
 Violet Loraine (Comedienne).
 Old Friends—Potpourri (arr. Herman Finck).
 Let's have a Chorus.
 Columbia Vocal Gem Company.
 8 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.
 8.03-8.30 p.m. Lucienne Hoyer (Soprano).
 Carroll Gibbons and John W. Green (Piano).
 1. Piano Solo—Footlight Parade—Selection.
 2. Songs—Si Petite.
 3. Piano Solo—There's a Ring around the Moon.
 Nymph Errant—Selection.
 4. Songs—Visions in the Smoke.
 5. Piano Solo—I want a fair and square Man.
 Ain't she the Dainty.
 8.30-9.03 p.m. Band Music.
 The Mill on the Rock—Overture (arr. Winterbottom).
 Mirella—Overture (Gounod).
 Semiramide—Overture (Rossini).
 Hyde Park Suite (Jalowitz).
 9.03-9.30 p.m. A B.B.C. Recorded Programme.
 "Nuts and Wine"
 A Programme of Old English Songs.
 Ernest Lush at the Piano.
 The B.B.C. Male Voice Chorus conducted by Leslie Woodgate.
 9.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletins, London 1 p.m. Stock and Commodity Quotations.
 9.45 p.m. 1 a.m. A Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Hongkong Hotel Grill Room (by courtesy of the Management).
 10.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletins, Rugby Mid-day Press News, Further London Stock and Commodity Quotations.
 1 a.m. Close Down.

ZEESEN PROGRAMMES

This Evening's Broadcasts From The German Short-Wavers
 Special programmes for Far Eastern listeners will be broadcast from Zeesen as follows:
 SOUTH ASIA ZONE
 South Asia Zone broadcast from DJB (19.74 metres) and DJN (31.45 metres).
 4.45 p.m. DJB, DJN Announcement (German).
 5 p.m. German Folk Song Programme—Forecast (German, English).
 5 p.m. Music and Topical Events.
 5.30 p.m. News in English.
 5.45 p.m. New Year's Eve Variety Programme.
 6.45 p.m. News in German.
 7 p.m. Concert of Light Music.
 8 p.m. News in English.
 8.15 p.m. Close down DJB, DJN (German, English).
 EAST ASIA ZONE
 East Asia Zone broadcast from DJA on 31.38 metres, and DJN (31.45 metres).
 5 p.m. DJA, DJN Announcement (German, English).
 5 p.m. German Folk Song Programme—Forecast (German, English).
 5.15 p.m. Music and Topical Events.
 5.45 p.m. News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJN.
 6 p.m. New Year's Eve Variety Programme.
 11.15 p.m. News in German on DJA and DJN.
 11.30 p.m. Dance Music.
 12.15 a.m. News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJN.
 12.30 a.m. Close down DJA, DJN (German, English).

DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

To-day's Broadcasting From Four Transmissions

The following wave-lengths and frequencies are observed by Daventry.
 Call Sign Frequency Wavelength
 GHA 4,510 k.c. 66.5 metres
 GBC 3,810 k.c. 78.7 metres
 GBD 3,845 k.c. 77.8 metres
 GBE 3,875 k.c. 77.2 metres
 GBF 3,910 k.c. 76.5 metres
 GBG 3,945 k.c. 75.8 metres
 GBH 3,980 k.c. 75.1 metres
 GBI 4,015 k.c. 74.4 metres
 GBJ 4,050 k.c. 73.8 metres

TRANSMISSION 2

To-day's Broadcast on Transmission 2, through GSP and GSC.

7 p.m. Hie Ben, Tom Jenkins. At the Organ of the Plaza Cinema, Swansea. Transmitted Schumann.

Lady Rainbow Monnae Feling. Selection: The Thistle, arr. Middleton.

7.15 p.m. The B.B.C. Northern Orchestra. (Leader, Alfred Barker). Conductor, T. H. Morrison. Wilfrid Jury (Soprano), Orchestra March.

The Thin Red Line (Alfred). Overture, Private Othello's Ansell. Selection: Dinosaur, Meyerbeer.

arr. Godfrey. Wilfrid Jury. To Dalais II. Quiller. Little Snowdrop. Selection: Opusella Graham.

Foot I Knew a Bank Wilfrid Jury. Go on. Happy Day.

Wilfrid Jury. Orchestra. Serenade de Mandoline (for strings) Desormes.

Greenland at noon.

8 p.m. A New Year's Eve Programme.

8.45 p.m. The B.B.C. Midland Orchestra. A New Year's Eve Programme.

8.15 p.m. The Hon. Arthur Salisbury and His Orchestra. Relayed from the Savoy Hotel, London.



STYLE-RIGHT for 1935

The backless Dress Waistcoat continues in favour and, as a matter of course, we see that this most important item of evening attire is style-right. The neck-band is adjustable so that the correct length in front is possible, and the points are invisibly stiffened to prevent curl.

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9.45 p.m. The News.
 10 p.m. Close down.
 TRANSMISSION 3
 To-day's Broadcast on Transmission 3, through GSP, GBS and GSB.
 10.15 p.m. The Hon. Arthur Salisbury and His Orchestra. Relayed from the Savoy Hotel, London. For You.
 Caroline Burke. Selection.
 Hamak. Tasse. Chopin, arr.
 Glusman. Wedding in the
 Highland Translator. Clara
 Ploche Lams. Brahms Waltzes.
 The Way to the Heart Linde.
 One Night of Love Schertlinger.
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TO-MORROW'S BIG HOLIDAY FOOTBALL ATTRACTION

AS I SEE IT

BY "VERITAS"

KOWLOON C.C. AND BADMINTON

GAME MAY BE RESURRECTED ON HARD TENNIS COURT

SCHEME IS REASONABLE AND PRACTICABLE

THE Christmas and New Year holidays and celebrations have put a temporary stop to league badminton, but another week will find teams re-starting their campaigns. Although programmes in the three divisions have gone forward fairly well up to the present, a number of circumstances necessitated postponed or delayed matches. Elliot Hall for instance, who are firm favourites to win the "A" Division of the men's doubles, found examinations prevent them from making a start until the middle of December. The Y.M.C.A., chiefly because of the many seasonal activities, and also because their teams had no chance of serious practice, have not yet played a game in either the men's doubles or mixed doubles. This has entailed a disorganisation, which although not serious, is rather regrettable. Finally there came the extremely unfortunate announcement by the Kowloon Cricket Club that no further badminton would be possible at the clubhouse. Despite all this, however, there is no reason to think that the first season of league badminton in Hongkong will be otherwise than highly successful.

ALTHOUGH it is generally admitted that there has never been a unanimous feeling in favour of badminton at the K.C.C., it is equally true that the committee's decision to stop it was made with sincere regrets and great reluctance. To many who have played the game in England, the announcement that the game was doing material damage to the spring floor probably came as a surprise, for there are hundreds of sprung floors being used for badminton in England, and my own experience there was that normally such a flooring should not suffer from the game. This, of course, is not to suggest that the K.C.C. have been mistaken in the matter, but it is likely that our peculiar atmospheric conditions have contributed towards this damage, and furthermore that it is not necessarily badminton alone which is responsible.

WHATEVER the cause, the effect is that, although the club has not yet done so officially, it will almost certainly have to withdraw from the men's doubles and mixed doubles divisions. I hear that in an effort to preserve the worthiness of the ladies doubles division, the K.C.C. may approach the Club de Reccreio suggesting that their match with the Reccreio "A," which should have been played at the K.C.C., be contested on the Reccreio court. This then, would enable the Cricket Club ladies to meet St. Andrew's on the latter's court according to schedule, and thus

complete the season's programme. As yet, however, I do not think anything has been done in this direction. If such an approach were made, and the Reccreio agreed, it would be a sporting gesture highly appreciated by all badminton enthusiasts.

A PROPOS of badminton at the K.C.C., I hear that a serious suggestion has been made to convert the hard tennis court adjoining the bowling green in front of the clubhouse into a badminton court. The idea, presumably, is to erect a matched and possibly to lay down matting or a wood covering over the concrete tennis court. As a matter of fact concrete badminton courts are not unknown, and they are even used in Hongkong at the Jockey Club. There is nothing against such a surface, except that it is somewhat trying to the feet. Anyway this idea at the K.C.C. sounds quite reasonable and practicable, especially in view of the possible developments which may be made in the near future on this part of the club's property. Naturally the financial aspect will need very careful consideration, and even if the scheme is accepted in principle, it may be that a personal financial appeal will have to be made to the club's badminton enthusiasts. Quite apart from the matched covering, there is the question of proper lighting and adequate facilities for spectators. I believe it is quite on the cards that the scheme will be carefully explored in the New Year, and although it may not be possible to effect anything this season, sufficient support may be found to encourage the club to go ahead with the idea during 1935. Ever since badminton caught the imagination of the local public the Kowloon Cricket Club has been prominently identified with the game, and everyone will hope that if it is humanly possible, to resurrect it, the club will strive to do its utmost to this end.

OPENING FIXTURE

M.C.C. Cricketers On

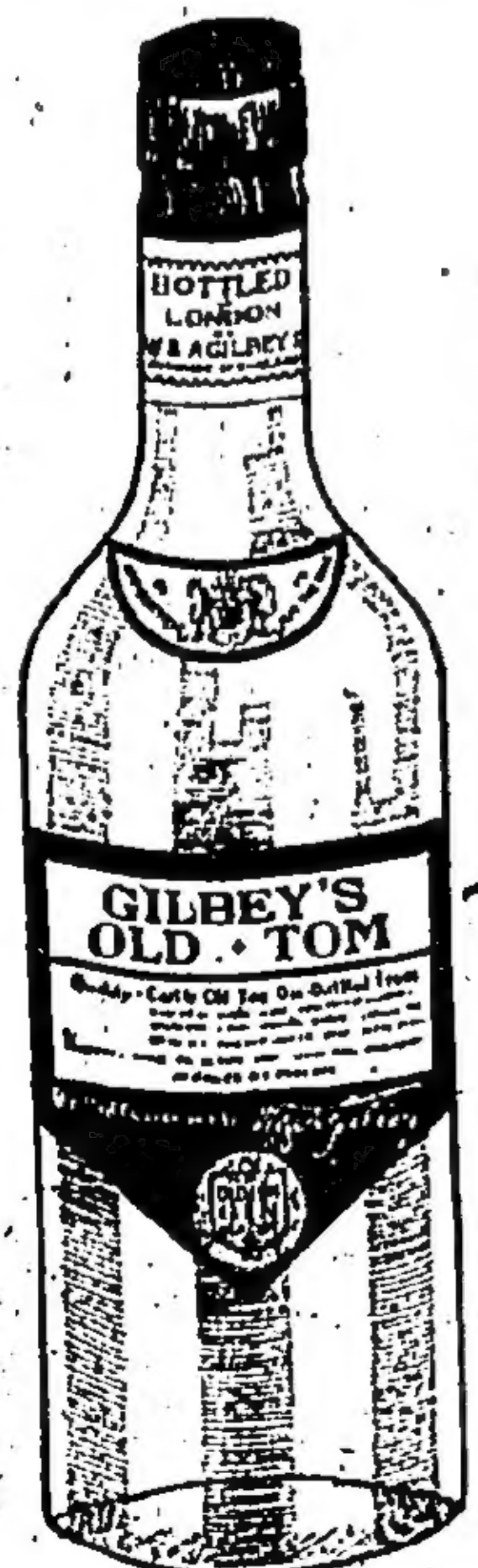
West Indies Tour

HOSTS BAT ALL DAY

Barbados, Dec. 29.
The touring M. C. C. cricketers opened their West Indies programme to-day with a match here against a local side.
R. E. S. Wyatt, the Warwickshire and England captain, won the toss but sent Barbados in to bat. At the end of the day's play Barbados had scored 304 runs for the loss of seven wickets. Towards this total E. L. G. Head made 65 and B. Sealey 55; not out.—Reuter.

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Chris Pile's cleverness at intercepting is amply illustrated here, where he is shown rushing in to clear a dangerous situation during the Police match against the Athletic yesterday. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

Saints' New Players Give Convincing Displays

RAIN DOES TRICK

CHINESE TEAMS 'ALL AT SEA'

FEATURES OF WEEK-END SOCCER

(By "Veritas").

IT was snowstorms which brought about the rout of Napoleon's army after his series of spectacular victories against Russia in 1812, and it is rainstorms which leave heavy grounds, which will invariably bring about the downfall of our Chinese football teams.

HEAVY underfoot conditions played the leading part yesterday in South China "B's" collapse against the Lincolns. This combination of light-weighted youngsters found themselves unable to combat the tricky vagaries of the playing pitch, while the Lincolns, with weight advantage and experience of rain sodden grounds, were able to turn the conditions to their favour.

THE effect of this result is merely more clearly to define the position of South China "A" against the rest of the first division. With the game in hand over their second string and the Police, who remain nearest rivals, the Caroline Hill seniors enjoy a lead of four points, and they can afford a couple of reverses and still remain very strongly placed.

IT is rather a pity to be able to point with confidence to the probable champions with the season only half way advanced, but it really is difficult to imagine South China being deposed from their lofty position. It would require an utter collapse on their part to effect any alteration in opinion on this matter.

THE Police had another of their unhappy spasms yesterday. They should have beaten the Athletic hands down. They should be running second to South China in the league table. But they left their shooting boots (probably carefully locked up until the New Year) around the various police stations, and the Athletic got away with a goalless draw.

INCIDENTALLY a bouquet to Chris Pile, whose football is decidedly better than his luck with the pastebords!

CHINESE outfits took the count in the Junior Shield ties yesterday. Royal Engineers and the Navy passed on, the former after a keen tussle, and the latter by scoring four goals without reply in a poor game.

I am somewhat of a stranger to second division football, chiefly because the Talpaen teams take up all my time. But arriving quarter of an hour too early for the Club match on Saturday, gave me the opportunity of seeing the Club reserves pitting themselves against the University.

BELIEVE me there was some jolly promising football, and half an hour later I wondered why the Club seniors did not attempt to assimilate some of their reserves' ideas on constructive attack. It was a pleasure to watch those forwards move the ball. Fast, accurate and skilfully. And George Duncan scored three goals with such sublime ease that one could easily believe he spent three hours a day practising the art.

IN the words of Pepys, I am at a standstill to understand why the Club occupy such a lowly place in the league table.

TEAM TREMENDOUSLY IMPROVED

Club Fight Hard And Save The Game

(By "Veritas")

ALTHOUGH it was St. Joseph's who did most of the attacking, and were always more lively and co-ordinated, it was the Club who went nearest to winning an interesting, if not highly skilful game at Happy Valley on Saturday. Two grand opportunities of taking the lead were missed in the second half, and although the gods were in a forgiving mood, and the Club were able to force a draw, the result was not quite fair to the Saints.

Team building half way through a season is a somewhat unusual procedure, but seeing that St. Joseph's, who are carrying out this experiment, have nothing to lose, and quite a lot to gain, there is every justification for the wholesale changes which have been made in the team during the past fortnight.

If the work of Herridge, Beatty, Dellar and Addis, the Saints' recruits from the Queen's Regiment, was indicative of their ordinary form, the old collegians have every reason to pat themselves on the back. They play characteristic Army type of football—dashing, hard working, and with more than a modicum of skill and efficiency.

Herridge, at inside right, is another Higgins, only boasting better ball control and more cleverness in ball manipulation. On Saturday his back passes with the heel of his boot were very neatly done and rarely failed to find the player for whom they were intended.

Beatty is another forger, but with not quite the same quickness in seizing openings in front of goal. But his left wing partnership with Costa revealed a smooth working plan of inter-passing, which was only broken up by the superb tenacity of Tavlin.

DELLAR PROVES HIMSELF

The excellent reports heard about Dellar, the left back, were fully substantiated by a quiet, but efficient display of tackling, good length kicking and intelligent covering work. The only occasions one felt Dellar, or for that

DESMOND Hynes broke his hand recently, but that did not stop him from turning out at right half and playing a very sound game. Somebody mentioned that he is earmarked for the senior team. I have always been a more or less silent admirer of Hynes' football ability, but if he is going into the first team, I would like to see him at right back.

HAVING got "Rain-effect of" on the brain, I am led to observe that during the week end, not a single Chinese team succeeded in winning, that four were defeated, and one managed a draw.

JUPITER. Pluvius please note!

FINALLY a very Happy New Year to all footballers and football followers.

matter, Sousa as well, was likely to faller was when Albert Howe got on the run.

Addis is a definite improvement to the intermediate line, and with Leonard in the centre, and Elms on the other flank, presented a fairly solid opposition to the Club attack. In midfield exchanges, the Saints halves invariably came off best, but one noticed a lack of confidence when they were forced to drop back to assist the defence. It was a mistake by Elms and Dellar which led to the Club's second goal.

Taken by and large, St. Joseph's showed 100 per cent improvement on their pre-Christmas form. Leonard showed up very well at centre-half, being especially successful in thwarting Ernest Strange. Ward is a better inside right than he is centre-forward, but even in this new position he fully justified himself by scoring a couple of goals, and now and again initiating a raid with a delightful sweeping pass to either wing.

ONE SHORTCOMING

So far as methods of attack were concerned, the only real fault one could find with the Saints was a tendency by the three inside-forwards to crowd one another, with the result that they were oft times left without any shooting space. Over-eagerness on the part of Herridge and Beatty also deprived them of making use of good openings.

The display served up by the Club was a strange mixture of ineffectual efforts to combine, good and bad individualism, and a rare spirit of "never say die." It was the last named feature which saved the Club from defeat. The Club's work as a team was vastly inferior to that of St. Joseph's. Only in defence were the half backs of real value. Their contribution to the Club's offensive movements was practically nil, and this is borne out by the fact that the majority of the attacks were started by the forwards sometimes in their own half, and were nothing but counter-moves, to abortive raids by the Saints.

Tavlin was prominent and fully deserved the applause offered for (Continued on Page 7.)

MAINLAND ATTACK V. ISLAND DEFENCE

PLENTY OF THRILLS & GOOD FOOTBALL INDICATED

COMPARISON OF TEAMS AND PROSPECTS

(By "Veritas")

All roads lead to the Hongkong Football Club to-morrow where the Hongkong Football Association's annual effort on behalf of the Children's Playground Fund, which this year takes the form of a match between teams representing the Island and Mainland, is bound to attract a large attendance.

In passing it might be mentioned that these roads would have led elsewhere, but for a last minute meeting of the Powers That Be, who discovered there was something in those words "Gang aff agley." But that is another story, which won't find its way into the archives of the F.A., let alone the columns of a newspaper.

The teams to oppose each other to-morrow are undeniably strong and attractive. In fact but for a few alterations, I can see a reasonable Interport team in the Island combination. On form, which is too well known to require repetition, the Island side has no weakness. During the last season, the Island side was one of the most spectacular custodians playing in local football.

WILL PARDOE HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR?

To Pardoe will fall the difficult duty of holding the A. V. Gosano-Higgins-Ridley combination in check, but the R. A. pivot is one of the best workers in local soccer, and supported as he is by two such men as Leung In-chun and Elms, I have a feeling that the Mainland attack, brilliant in possibilities as it is, will have all its work cut out to fool such a trio. With the exception of Ward of St. Joseph's, the Island forward line is composed of Chinese. I imagine most of the danger to the Mainland rearward will come from the two Kwai-shing-Ward wing. Ho Ka-keung is a clever, but not very thrustful leader, and I would have preferred to see Howe in this position, while it is surprising to find Banney Blackford overlooked for the left wing job.

Nevertheless if this team turns out as advertised it should be one of the most workmanlike combinations seen for a long day in representative football.

THE MAINLAND ATTACK

Whereas the real strength of the Island team appears to be in its rearward, the opposite applies to the Mainland, who boast a wonderful-looking attack, led by Higgins the indefatigable, and supported by Gosano and Ridley as inside forwards, and left and right by Banney on the right wing and Wearmouth of the Navy on the left.

If the Island halves and backs succeed in breaking down this formation, I think the Victoria men will win. On the other hand the Kowloon side is a fine symbol of Lion Rock both fore and aft. Woods, McGuire and Robson, the intermediates are players of well and truly tried virtue,

and if (Morrison doesn't repeat his lapse of Saturday, and Ash plays as well as he did for England in the Sunday Herald Cup, there should be very little wrong with the defence. Boys in goal is an excellent selection. On the whole therefore, the teams, as picked, are remarkably well matched, and I think the result will be determined by whether the Island defence can withstand the skill of the Mainland attack.

UNDERFOOT CONDITIONS MAY AFFECT GAME

It is satisfactory to note that in both cases, adequate reserves have been selected. The chief trouble with these holiday fixtures is that so often one finds only a part of the advertised teams making an appearance, but even if this happens to-morrow, both sides can call on excellent reserves, whose presence would guarantee a first rate encounter.

The Island team may be up against one big disadvantage. They have included the Chinese. If last night's rain continues, with a subsequent heavy going, they may find the conditions too difficult to give of their best. A muddy ground would certainly give the all-round heavy Mainland team decided assistance. Happily the result means nothing. A rousing game and a bumper "gate" are the only necessities connected with to-morrow's match. Here's hoping that both materialise.

Golf Feats At Deep Water Bay

SOME 1934 ACHIEVEMENTS

Playing at Deep Water Bay during the week-end, D. M. Biggar had the good luck to do the 9th hole (316 yards) in two strokes. Quite a good drive was followed up by a fortunate mashie stroke, to find the hole.

The following feats are entered in the Deep Water Bay record book for the year now ending:

W. E. Hunt.—2nd hole in one.
Mrs. L. H. C. Cathrop.—8th hole in one.
K. R. Rounds.—1st hole in one.
A. D. Copplin.—3rd hole in one.
G. H. Elliott.—7th hole in one.
A. B. Stewart.—4th hole in two.
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M. C. C. "BODYLINE" PRONOUNCEMENT CRITICISED

ONLY CONDEMNED A BOGEY SAYS LONDON WRITER

A. W. Carr's latest criticism of the Notts County Cricket Club committee is, if nothing else, consistent with his attitude to that body during the last ten months. Many will find it easy to sympathise with the cricketer in his caustic comments, chiefly because it is a reflex of the main issue—"bodyline" bowling.

And in this connection it is not altogether without interest to note the observations of "Watchman" of the London Observer, concerning the new M.C.C. ruling on fast leg theory. In the course of a well reasoned criticism of the M.C.C. pronouncement, "Watchman" says: "But the resolutions that concern leg theory provide no rule for guidance. They only hint and suggest and leave the obligation to take steps, which at least must be distasteful and drastic, upon the umpires and the captains. The M.C.C. are plain enough when they say that any form of bowling which is obviously a direct attack upon the batsman is against the spirit of the game. We had not to wait until 1934 to realise that. The M.C.C. go on to say that the type of bowling regarded as a direct attack by the bowler upon the batsman, and, therefore, unfair, consists in persistent and systematic bowling of fast, short-pitched balls at the batsman standing clear of the wicket."

A STUPID POLICY

Where are the bowlers who "persistently and systematically" bowled at the batsman's body last year, or in any other year? Such a policy with the ball pitched short on a direct wicket, would not be good policy against a batsman who understood the use of a bat. Larwood, who for no fault of his own, caused someone in Australia with an imaginative mind to coin the term "bodyline," did not pitch short, and for the most part he aimed at the stumps. Until that rumour in Australia during the M.C.C.'s tour of 1932-33, no one in England had talked of "intimidating bowling." But a glib phrase sticks, and recently any ball pitching short and rising high has caused criticism from the home crowd. The spectators seldom realise that it is the secondary position, the "covering up" position, which so many batsmen now adopt, that leads to injury. It was not until protest, in the hour

WEEK-END SAILING

Commodore F. Elliott Wins "Anker" Class Race

O. BRUUSGAARD SECOND

Pat, sailed by Commodore Frank Elliott, R.N., won the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club's special "A" Class event on Saturday when she beat Jan. (O. Bruusgaard) by 3 minutes 30 seconds over an 8.6 miles course. Toynette, with Capt. W. J. Forinell at the helm, won the Mixed Class Menagerie race, decided over the same course, by 5 minutes 1 second from Rolla (Col. E. St. G. Kirke).

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Meakin, Lincoln's goalkeeper, gets down to the ball and makes a good clearance when hard pressed by South China players yesterday. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

HOME FOOTBALL

UPSETS IN 1ST DIVISION

Visiting teams in the first division of the English Football League scored notable successes on Saturday. Sunderland maintaining their magnificent away record, with a victory at Huddersfield. Complete results follow:

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal	1	Portsmouth	1
Aston Villa	2	Birmingham	2
Blackburn	0	Liverpool	1
Chelsea	1	Derby	1
Everton	2	Tottenham	1
Grimsby	3	Preston N.E.	1
Huddersfield	0	Sunderland	2
Manchester C.	3	West Brom.	1
Middlesbrough	3	Leeds	3
Stoke	1	Wednesday	1
Wolves	3	Leicester	1

SECOND DIVISION

Barnsley	1	Bradford	1
Blackpool	1	Bury	1
Bolton	2	Oldham	0
Bradford C.	2	Manchester U.	0
Newcastle	2	Notts Forest	0
Norwich	2	Brentford	1
Notts County	4	Swansea	0
Plymouth	3	Fulham	0
Sheffield U.	3	Port Vale	0
Southampton	0	Barnley	0
West Ham	1	Hull	2

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Bournemouth	3	Millwall	1
Bristol R.	0	Brighton	0
Charlton	3	Cardiff	1
Crystal Pal.	3	Aldershot	0
Newport	1	Exeter	3
Northampton	3	Coventry	1
Queen's P. R.	1	Swindon	1
Reading	0	Clapton O.	0
Southend	3	Luton	3
Torquay	5	Gillingham	0
Watford	4	Bristol C.	0

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Barrow	1	Wrexham	3
Carlisle	1	Tranmere	1
Chester	2	Gateshead	2
Hastings	2	Rotherham	1
Doncaster	2	Greave	0
Hartlepool	2	Walsall	1
Mansfield	4	Halifax	0
New Brighton	2	Accrington	1
Rochdale	2	Lincoln	1
Southport	1	Stockport	2
York	2	Darlington	1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION)

Airdrie	1	St. Johnstone	1
Aberdeen	1	Hamilton	2
Celtic	1	Hearts	2
Dundee	5	Queen's O'Sth.	0
Dunfermline	4	Clyde	2
Falkirk	3	Aberdeen	2
Hibernians	1	Kilmarnock	0
Partick	2	Rangers	0
St. Mirren	1	Ablon	0
	2	Queen's Park	3

Club Arranges New Test For Cyclists

BIG EVENT TO BE HELD EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR

The management of the Hongkong Cycling Club has decided to organise a 50 Miles Tourist Time Trial on Sunday, January 20, commencing at 10 a.m. from the 3 1/2 milepost on the Taipo Road. Five hours will be allowed in which to reach the third milepost on the Castle Peak road at Shamshui, after passing through Shatin, Taipo, Fanling, Ulong and Tsunwan.

A specially engraved certificate of considerable value will be awarded to all riders finishing within the allotted time. All machines will be fully equipped with two brakes, bell and mudguards. A short halt will be made at the Castle Peak Cafeteria (54 miles) where refreshments will be dispensed free to competitors. Entries, together with fee of \$1 should be forwarded to Mr. A. J. Kapiti, 32/34 Johnston Road, Wanchoi, or to Mr. H. A. G. Keener, R.A.S.C., Wellington Barracks. No entry will be accepted after January 18.

POOR HOLIDAY COMPETITIONS

Christmas festivities provided too strong an opposition against cycling with the result that the organised runs were poorly attended. On Christmas Eve a circuit of the island was carried out and a splendid trip enjoyed by those present. Boxing Day saw the Club out on the Castle Peak road, but again very few took advantage of the beautiful weather on that day. Tea was taken at the Cafeteria before commencing a steady homeward ride, Kowloon being reached at 5 p.m. in good time to take part in the evening's fun, with less active members of the Club.

Despite poor weather conditions on Sunday the "usual crowd" turned out for a ride around the Kowloon Circuit. Starting at 2 p.m. a steady pace was maintained through Shatin, Taipo and Fanling. A short halt was made near the latter village for a refresher. Nimble pedalling assisted by a light following breeze brought the riders to Castle Peak Cafeteria via Ulong at 4.30 p.m.

Enthusiastic local cyclists should note that a run will be carried out this evening, leaving the Vehicular

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End of Last Week

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In a friendly rugby encounter yesterday Leicester narrowly defeated Manchester by 3 points to nil on their own ground.—*Reuter.*

London, Dec. 29.
Saturday's Matches

Army	0	Harlequins	10
Bath	5	Bridgend	3
Birkenhead	28	Halifax	0
Bristol	8	Cardiff	11
Devonport	6	Bedford	0
Guy's Hosp.	33	Old Alleynians	17
Leicester	27	Gloucester	0
London Irish	0	London Scot.	3
Newport	10	Plymouth	0
Northampton	15	Portsmouth	13
Richmond	14	Fettislan	0
Roselynn	21	Lorietenians	0
Blackheath	20	O. M. T.	3
Liverpool	4	North Ireland	11
Llanelli	14	Neath	9
Penarth	6	Swansea	3

—*Reuter.*

RIFLE CLUB SHOOT

ATTENDED BY ONLY FOUR COMPETITORS

The Hongkong Rifle Club's monthly shoot, which took place yesterday, was again poorly attended, only four members shooting. This was very regrettable as conditions, with the exception of a slight drizzle at intervals, were good.

In Class "B", Stephens and Otley tied with an aggregate of 93 points each, while J. H. G. Parker was the only competitor in Class "D". Owing to the small number of entries "no competition" was declared in both classes. Detailed results follow:

CLASS "B"			
J. Stephens	500	500	total
J. Otley	500	500	total
CLASS "D"			
J. H. G. Parker	23	23	total

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Tony was leaning across the table now, looking at Ann with that flattering light in his eyes. "I've never seen anyone so lovely before," he said.

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY

ANN HOLLISTER, pretty and 20, learns that her college course was made possible by money loaned by friends of her father, now dead. To repay them she offers her home for sale and holds a sale of the family antiques.

On the day of the sale a young man, delayed by motor trouble, stops at her home to telephone. After he leaves Ann finds a blue vase missing. In its place is a note signed "T.K." and a \$50 bill.

In the large city where she goes to find work Ann obtains a library post. She becomes friendly with SARAH KENT, a commercial artist. Tony tries to start a flirtation. Sarah, who suspects Ann is interested in Tony, decides to warn her against the irresponsible young man.

CHAPTER III

Sarah made a thorough job of telling Ann about Tony. She began by saying, "I suspect Tony's laying a campaign for one of his grand campaigns and, because I like you, Ann, I'm going to warn you. It wouldn't do for you to go around with Tony. It simply wouldn't do."

Ann laughed. "What has he done that's so terrible? He might be a gangster, the way you're talking."

"If the idea appealed to him Tony would probably turn gangster," Sarah said, smiling. "But Tony's risks are of a different kind. Like falling for other men's wives."

And here Sarah told Ann about Tony's lovable qualities, his weaknesses, his deadly charm, his irresponsibility. No girl could ever be sure that Tony would keep a date. Anything might interfere. A sudden decision to work, or just forgetfulness.

Sarah stopped talking for a moment and met Ann's cool, wise gaze. "You're not surprised?" she gasped. "Of course not. I know all about Tony before he ever spoke to me."

"And here I've been worried to death. Pardon me, Ann, but you look such a kid."

"I'm 20," said Ann. "And I know my way about. But I'm grateful just the same. What sort of girls does Tony like?"

Sarah considered this question a moment, amusement in her eyes. "He likes all kinds. All shapes and sizes, sober and gay, young and old. Why, he's been known to have a three weeks' attack of thirty."

Ann said, "Now that we've disposed of this terrible young man, I wonder if you'd help me find a place to stay. The room I have is terrible."

"Ann, why don't you come in with me?" Sarah asked. "I've just moved into a new apartment and it really is too large for me."

"Sounds fine. But don't forget I'm red-headed."

"I've a red-head temperament myself. Well, anyway, we could try it. If it didn't work, there'd be no hard feelings."

It was agreed and Ann said she would telephone for her trunk to be sent to Sarah's apartment that afternoon.

"I guess it would be better for me to attend to it," Sarah said. "I can give the baggage man directions about getting in. Tell him where to put your trunk and warn him about scratching the walls."

Ann scribbled on a card and handed it to Sarah.

It was Saturday and both had the afternoon off. "We might take in a movie," Sarah said, "but I'm meeting John MacDonald, a friend of mine, for a show. What are your plans?"

"I'll run out and pay my board bill, and then I may come back and do a little shopping."

"Mac and I could pick you up some places about six."

"Suppose we say the library. That's as good a place as any."

Ann paid her bill and returned down town but the shopping was destined not to be done. She was walking along the street, feeling lost in the milling throngs of people, when she was halted blithely.

"Well, look who's here!"

It was Tony. "I've just moved into a new apartment and it really is too large for me."

"Oh, quite well at the moment," Tony replied. "It's the feeling one would have after definite proof that the gods are on his side."

It was impossible to resist Tony's contagious smile and good-humour.

Ann found herself smiling back at him. "There, that's much better," Tony said. "You're quite a different person when you smile. I gather you thaw in sunshine. Do you take your mood from your surroundings, Ann?"

"Bold and mannerless young men must be put in their places," Ann retorted.

"I'm sorry, but I'd do it again if there were no other way of meeting you."

They were walking along the street, Tony adapting his long step to hers.

Ann said, "Well, at least you have one virtue—honesty."

"And I have excellent taste," Tony said. "What are you planning? Right now?"

"I'm going shopping."

"No, you're not. I just left John MacDonald who was on his way to meet Sarah. They're going to take in a show. Let's see if we can't work a miracle and get some good seats for 'Tip-Top'."

So Tony was a friend of Sarah's friend. Sarah hadn't said that. In fact, Sarah hadn't said anything good at all about Tony. That fact at the moment made Ann feel a rush of sympathy for the young man. He certainly was good-looking, and he was behaving quite properly, too.

"I'd love to go," Ann said.

Presently, sitting beside Ann in the theatre, Tony whispered, "Maybe there are some things you don't know. Did you know angels don't have wings any more? They have red hair and weigh about 115 pounds, nicely distributed, and—"

"I thought we came to see the show," Ann said coldly.

Tony sighed audibly. "I understand such conversation is out. Well, as Cicero once said, our thoughts are free. You can't stop me from thinking how sweet you are."

In the half light, Ann flushed. "Seriously, Ann, Tony said in a low tone, "I've must be friends. I want to tremendously."

"I don't see why we shouldn't be," Ann told him.

"Pinel Now that that's settled we're going out somewhere and celebrate the event with a dinner."

"I couldn't," Ann protested. "I can't go to dinner with you to-night."

"The thickest ten-bone steak with mushrooms for me and a dainty filet mignon for you. A salad and something that tinkles in glasses for both of us. And Cuban bread that breaks off in big chunks and is hard to bite but otherwise quite all right, and lots of other things."

"No," said Ann firmly.

But somehow it happened that Tony was calling a cab and they were being whisked away. Learning that Ann was to meet Sarah, Tony overcame that objection by telephoning to the library and leaving word for Sarah that he would bring Ann home.

"Where are we going?" Ann asked.

"I don't expect you've heard of the place but they serve good food."

Presently they arrived at a garish little place, cellar-like, damp and cool. The floor was concrete and the menu card was soiled from much handling, but the red-checked tablecloth and napkins were clean.

"So you are going to Sarah's to-night," Tony said.

"Yes," Ann replied. "I'm going there to live."

Tony said, "You'll have to fold up to get in."

Ann thought that was queer. From what Sarah had said, she had judged the apartment was fairly large.

Tony was leaning across the table now, looking at Ann with that flattering light in his eyes.

"I've never seen anyone so lovely before," he said softly.

When Ann did not reply, he went on, "Boloney, the wise gal is thinking. Well, all right. Wait and see. After a meal that was delicious, Tony said, 'How about dancing some place? It's one way to become better acquainted. A girl, a man, music and a moon! Shall we go to the roof?'"

They did. It was nice dancing, too. Ann's slender body fitting closely in Tony's arms.

Outside, again, he was saying, "Match you with a nickel. Heads

you lose, tails I win and we'll ride and ride until my money—which isn't a great deal—gives out."

"No," Ann said, remembering boldly Sarah's warning. "I must go home."

"Goah, Ann, don't you ever yield to impulses?"

"Yes. I've an impulse to go home now. I don't think a taxi ride at 2 a.m. would be any fun."

"In other words you're bored with me."

"Fearfully," Ann teased. "Well then, we're off to Sarah's. Say, I've just remembered that Sarah moved from her old domicile. What's the address of the new place?"

Ann's eyes met his blankly. "Don't you know where Sarah lives?" she gasped.

"I've been out to her place lots of times. But it seems to me Mac said something about Sarah planning to move."

"She has," Ann said.

"And you don't know the address?"

"No. Sarah sent for my trunk," Ann explained. "I forgot to get the address from her, and besides we were planning to meet after the show. Oh, Tony, what'll I do?"

(To Be Continued.)

DR. SHERWOOD EDDY

PROGRAMME OF HONGKONG LECTURES ANNOUNCED

Dr. Sherwood Eddy, the well-known Christian youth leader, will arrive here on Tuesday from Canton, where he has been lecturing to large audiences.

While in Canton, Dr. Eddy and his party are being entertained as guests of the city in the new Municipal Guest House, where both Mr. Sun Fo and Mr. Wang Chung-hui recently stayed. Dr. Eddy is the first foreign guest to be entertained in this Municipal Guest House. Mr. Lin Yun-koy, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, and Mayor Liu Chi-wen of Canton each gave a banquet in Dr. Eddy's honour. On Christmas evening, Canton's leading citizens held a special welcome dinner for Dr. Eddy in the New Asia Hotel.

During Dr. Eddy's stay of three days in the Colony, he will give lectures to students, young people, the Hongkong University, a combined meeting of the League of Nations, Hongkong Peace Group, and Rotary Club.

A Round-Table Reception of church and young people leaders will be held at the Y.W.C.A. on January 2 at 11 a.m. to welcome Dr. Eddy. On Thursday the Y's Men Club has arranged to have Dr. Eddy as their guest at luncheon.

Following is Dr. Eddy's programme for his stay here: January 2—11 a.m. Reception at the Y.W.C.A.; 2.30 p.m. Lecture for students at Hop Yat Church; 7.30 p.m. Public lecture at Hop Yat Church.

January 3—12.30 p.m. Luncheon at Y's Men Club; 5 p.m. Lecture at Hongkong University; 7.30 p.m. Lecture for students at Hop Yat Church.

January 4—10.30 a.m. Lecture at St. Stephen's College; 5.15 p.m. Lecture for League of Nations, Hongkong Peace Group, and Rotary Club at St. John's Cathedral Hall; 7.30 p.m. Lecture for young people and students at Hop Yat Church.

Admission will be by ticket and tickets may be obtained at Chinese Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Y.M.C.A. Kowloon Branch, International Committee Y.W.C.A. and Commercial Press.

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Shameen, Dec. 29. The British residents of Canton gave their annual dinner to ships' companies of H.M.S. Cicada and Moth last evening at the Victoria Hotel, and, as usual, the party was a great success.

Ninety attended and after "The King" was given, Mr. C. E. Whitmore, who presided in the absence of the British Consul-General, made a short speech thanking the Navy for what they had done and were doing for the good of not only the British but others as well in this far distant port. He wished all present and those of the West River Fleet in the city a very Happy New Year and a pleasant stay at this station.

Mr. Neal, Chief Petty Officer, H.M.S. Moth, suitably replied, both toasts being given with the customary musical honours.

A number of musical items were given by several talented people present and the party ended with all present singing "God Save the King" and "Auld Lang Syne."

Incidentally this was the fifteenth annual dinner given by the British residents of Canton.—Our Own Correspondent.

SPANISH EARTHQUAKE

PRISONERS ESCAPE WHEN GAOL WALLS CRUMBLE

Lisbon, Dec. 30. A violent earthquake in the province of Algrave in the early hours of this morning severely damaged many buildings.

The shock was particularly felt in Silves, where the walls of an ancient Moorish castle, which served as the local prison, and contained hundreds of prisoners, collapsed. Many prisoners made the most of the opportunity, effecting their escape during the ensuing panic.

The districts surrounding Portimao were also particularly affected, but no lives were lost in any centre.—Reuter Special.

SCREEN STAR CONTEST

RESULT OF MAX FACTOR COMPETITION

Following is the result of the identification contest of 21 screen stars as printed on cover of Max Factor's booklet "The New Art of Make-Up."

First Prize.—12 correct answers, each awarded with six Max Factor's toilet articles: Miss Maria Helena Ribeiro, Macao; Miss P. Yvonne, Hongkong; Miss A. Ismael, Kowloon; Miss Angela da Silva, Kowloon; Mrs. Frank Lee, Kowloon; Miss Rosie d'Azevedo, Hongkong; Miss Dolores Lim, Kowloon; Miss Freda Lam, Hongkong; Miss Annie Lee, Kowloon; Miss E. C. Cheng, Hongkong; Miss O. Gill, Kowloon.

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The prize-winners are asked to call at J. M. da Rocha's office, on January 3 and 4 between 10 a.m. and noon.

INCREASED DEPOSITS

PER CAPITA SAVINGS IN UNITED STATES HIGHER

Washington, Dec. 30. Bank deposits in the United States increased by \$45,700,000,000 during 1934, according to statistics compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank.

Deposits totalled 46,000 million dollars, the largest total since 1932. Only 53 banks closed their doors during the year, this being the lowest number recorded since 1929.—Reuter Special.

CHINA OPPOSES ABROGATION

NO ACQUIESCENCE IN NANKING

Nanking, Dec. 30. A responsible Nanking official declared to-day that the Chinese Government fully supported the American and British Governments in their attitude toward Japan's action in renouncing the Washington Treaty.

He flatly denied the allegation made by certain quarters that the Nanking authorities acquiesced in Japan's action.

He added that the Chinese Government would never do so unless she accepted the position of a protectorate of Japan in the Far East.—Central News.

TELEGRAPH COMBINE

U.S. TO CONSOLIDATE RADIO AND CABLE SERVICE

Washington, Dec. 30. Great Britain's enormous communications combine, ramifications of which reach throughout the world, has long been the envy of other countries.

British overseas communications supremacy became impregnable when external radio and cable services were merged into Imperial Communications.

Now, according to the Washington Post, all telegraph, cable and wireless services controlled by American interests may also follow suit.

The newspaper predicts that legislation effecting the consolidation of a giant communications trust will be recommended to Congress by the Federal Communications Commission before February 1.

President Roosevelt is understood to be in favour of the project.

The newspaper further declares that the consolidation would improve the services in time of peace and would be of great value in the event of war.—Reuter.

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